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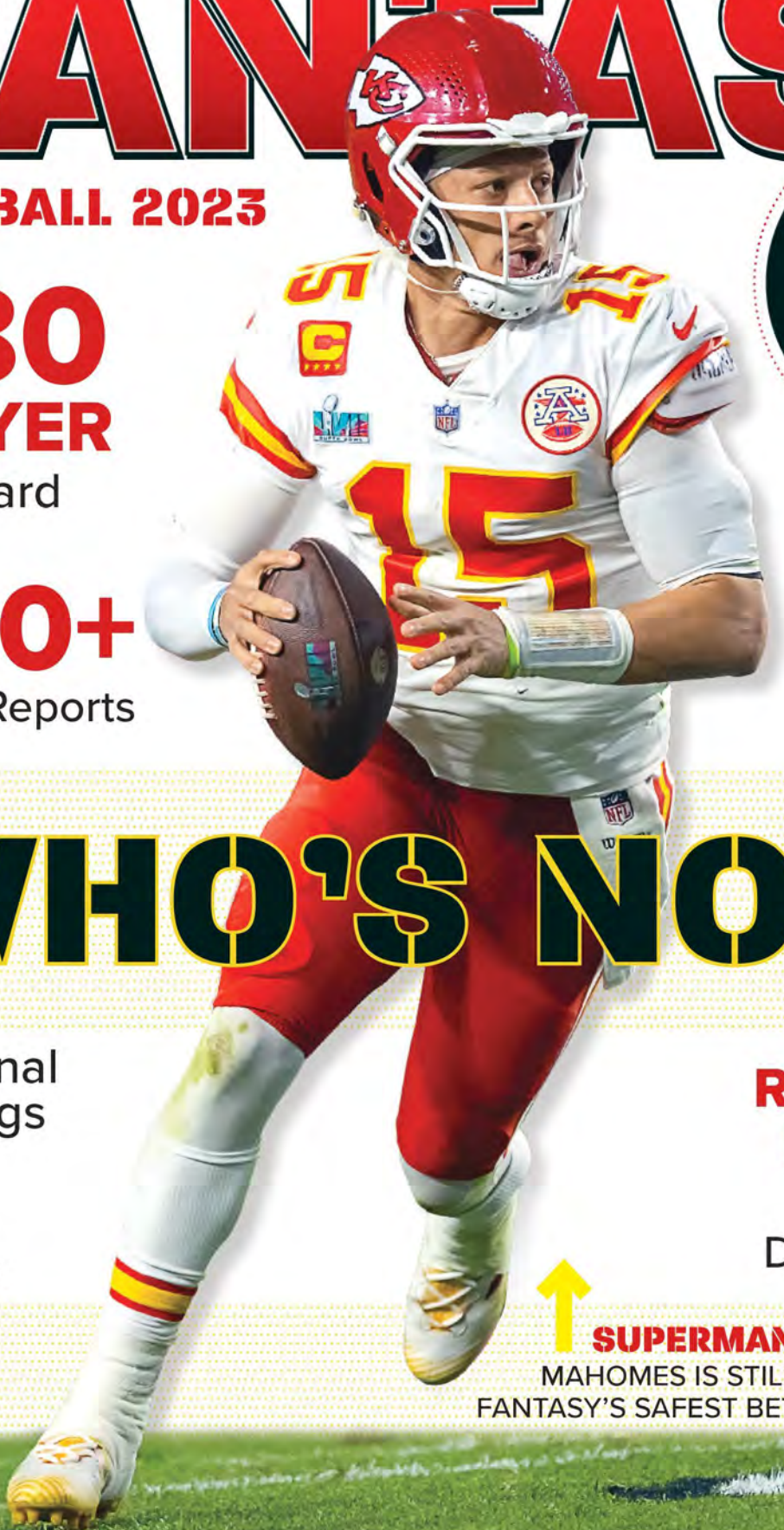

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To win a fantasy football championship, an elite receiver is a must. Ja'Marr Chase certainly qualifies, but he's far from alone. See p. 88 for our WR rundown.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

At the dawn of my fantasy-playing days (around 1998 as I recall, which betrays my age), I huddled with 15 or so work colleagues in a friend's drafty garage, a few primitive stat-sheet printouts in hand, and stumbled my way through my first fantasy draft. I don't recall having anything resembling a strategy, but I'm pretty sure that filling my wide receiver slots was little more than an afterthought. These were the days of Barry Sanders, Emmitt Smith and Marshall Faulk, after all, with Brett Favre, Peyton Manning and Steve Young hot on their heels.

Of course, a crafty owner could have made hay with a strategic approach to the wide receiver position, as there were many value picks to exploit — among them, a rookie with a checkered past named Randy Moss who would go on to catch 17 touchdown passes that season, no doubt winning a lot of people a championship in the process. But I don't recall much attention being paid to the position with the early picks (of course, there was an echo in that garage, and I may not have heard everything).

Flash forward two-plus decades, and the fantasy hobby has evolved right along with the game itself. In addition to online and virtual drafts and terabytes of useful data, fantasy owners are availing themselves of the riches at the hobby's premium position these days — wide receiver. Elite talents like Justin Jefferson (our No. 1 overall pick this year), Tyreek Hill, Cooper Kupp and Ja'Marr Chase are first-round locks. It's next to impossible to win a championship in 2023 without at least one elite wideout on your roster.

In his feature story "Rise of the Receivers," SI fantasy analyst Michael Fabiano takes a look at this trend. A veteran of the fantasy game, Michael recalls as I do the days when running backs were first off the board and how receivers have overtaken them on the fantasy food chain in recent years.

It's far from the only storyline that has our attention in our annual deep dive into the world's greatest hobby. We like to think that our analysis will make you a better-prepared team owner in the high-stakes battle for pride (and, presumably, some financial reward).

Speaking of financial reward, wagering has taken its place alongside fantasy in enhancing the enjoyment of America's pre-eminent sport. A new feature in this year's magazine is our 20-page betting guide, and as with our fantasy analysis, we hope it makes you a better-educated and better-prepared bettor as another season approaches. Tips on enjoying a lucrative season and a detailed series of odds (current as of press time) from our friends at SI Sportsbooks are among the highlights, starting on p. 40.

Each fantasy season brings lessons, some of them hard but all of them valuable. Michael details dozens of such nuggets in his fascinating feature "99 Fantasy Facts from the 2022 Season." You'll enjoy this information-packed trip down memory lane.

As always, many thanks to fantasy analyst Matt Schauf for his tireless efforts in providing our player capsules, and a special word of thanks to my colleagues at *Sports Illustrated* for their help and support with this year's magazine. Now take their hard work and go win a championship.

Rob Doster, Managing Editor

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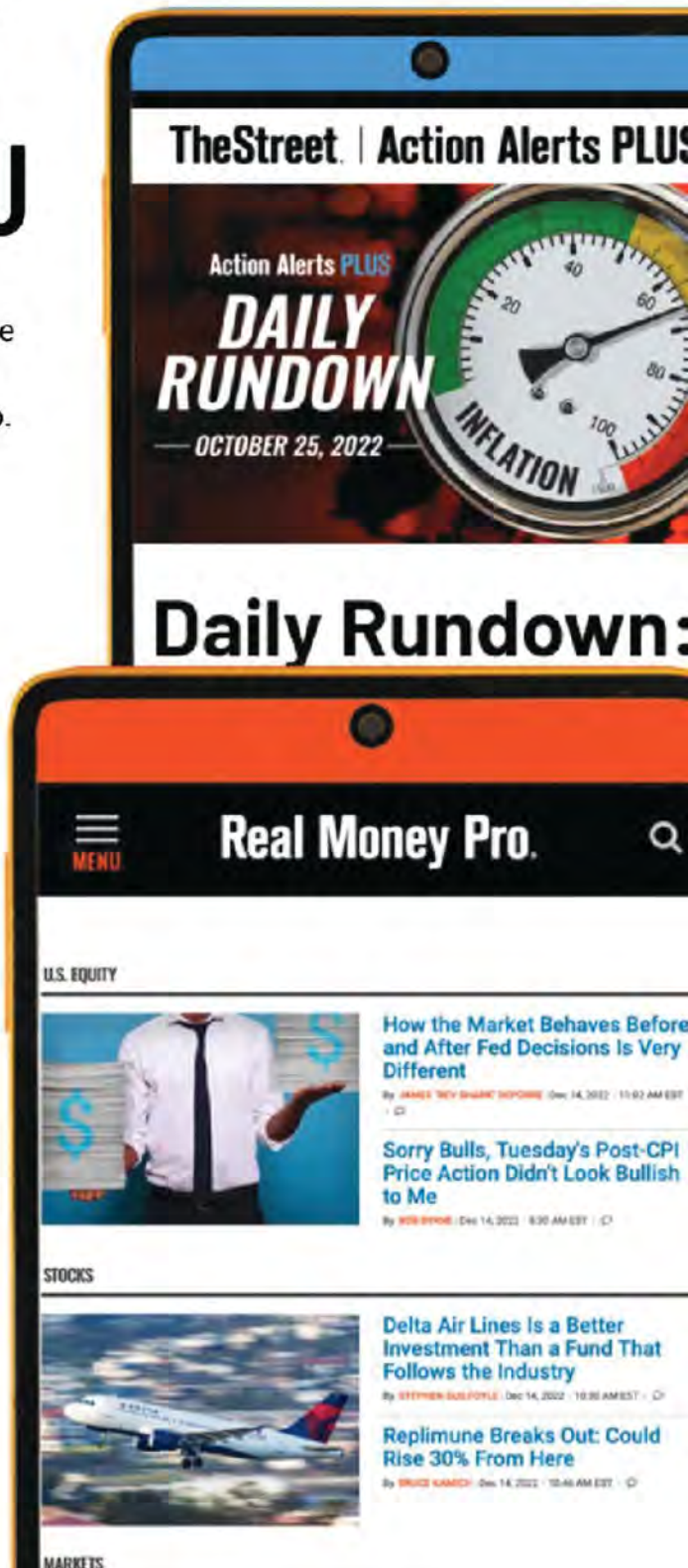

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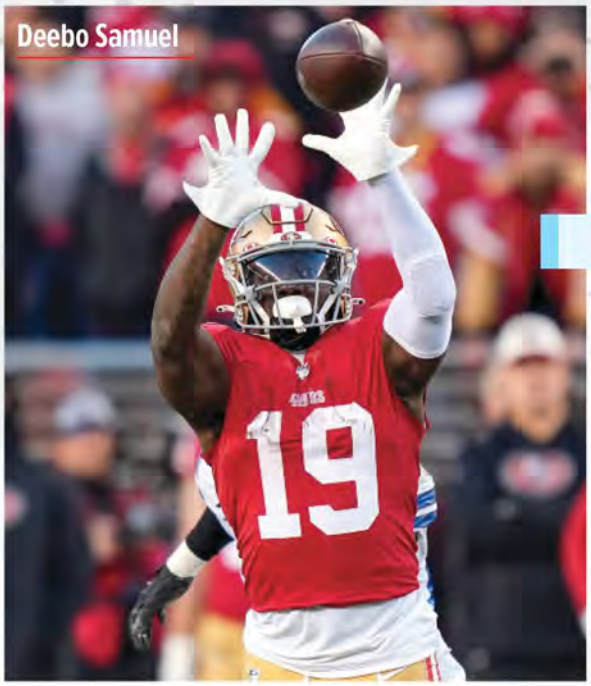
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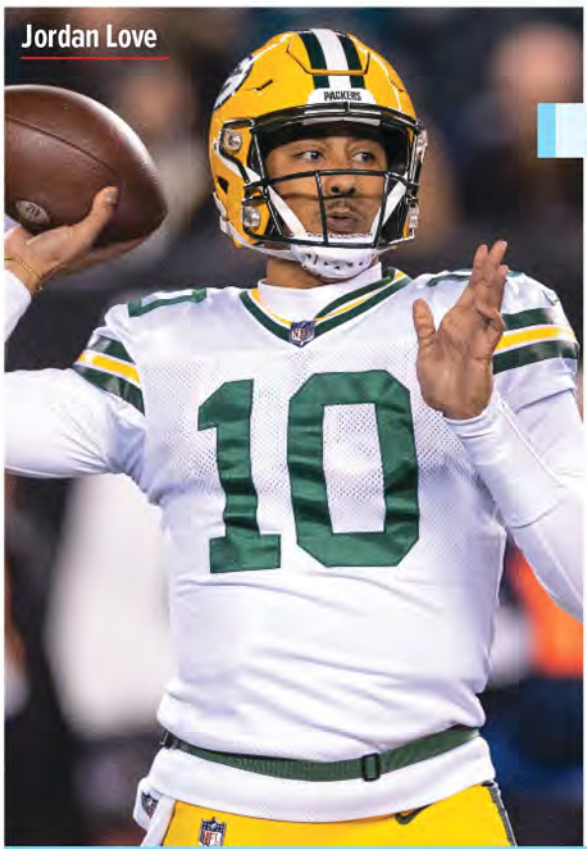
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☐	3	Tyreek Hill	WR	MIA
☐	4	Cooper Kupp	WR	LAR
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☐	14	Davante Adams	WR	LV
☐	15	A.J. Brown	WR	PHI
☐	16	Josh Jacobs	RB	LV
☐	17	Tony Pollard	RB	DAL
☐	18	Nick Chubb	RB	CLE
☐	19	DK Metcalf	WR	SEA
☐	20	Tee Higgins	WR	CIN
☐	21	Joe Mixon	RB	CIN
☐	22	Derrick Henry	RB	TEN
☐	23	Rhamondre Stevenson	RB	NE
☐	24	Mark Andrews	TE	BAL
☐	25	Josh Allen	QB	BUF
☐	26	Patrick Mahomes	QB	KC
☐	27	Jalen Hurts	QB	PHI
☐	28	Jaylen Waddle	WR	MIA
☐	29	Tyler Lockett	WR	SEA
☐	30	Garrett Wilson	WR	NYJ
☐	31	DeVonta Smith	WR	PHI
☐	32	Joe Burrow	QB	CIN
☐	33	Justin Herbert	QB	LAC
☐	34	Lamar Jackson	QB	BAL
☐	35	Keenan Allen	WR	LAC
☐	36	Chris Olave	WR	NO
☐	37	Deebo Samuel	WR	SF
☐	38	Jahmyr Gibbs	RB	DET
☐	39	Najee Harris	RB	PIT
☐	40	Travis Etienne Jr.	RB	JAC
☐	41	Breece Hall	RB	NYJ
☐	42	T.J. Hockenson	TE	MIN
☐	43	Christian Kirk	WR	JAC
☐	44	Amari Cooper	WR	CLE
☐	45	Mike Williams	WR	LAC
☐	46	Christian Watson	WR	GB
☐	47	Jerry Jeudy	WR	DEN
☐	48	Treylon Burks	WR	TEN
☐	49	Terry McLaurin	WR	WAS
☐	50	Calvin Ridley	WR	JAC
☐	51	Michael Pittman Jr.	WR	IND
☐	52	DJ Moore	WR	CHI
☐	53	Chris Godwin	WR	TB
☐	54	Trevor Lawrence	QB	JAC
☐	55	Deshaun Watson	QB	CLE
☐	56	Justin Fields	QB	CHI
☐	57	Dalvin Cook	RB	MIN
☐	58	James Conner	RB	ARI

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☐	59	J.K. Dobbins	RB	BAL
☐	60	Kyle Pitts	TE	ATL
☐	61	Dallas Goedert	TE	PHI
☐	62	Miles Sanders	RB	CAR
☐	63	Rachaad White	RB	TB
☐	64	Aaron Jones	RB	GB
☐	65	David Montgomery	RB	DET
☐	66	Kenneth Walker III	RB	SEA
☐	67	Cam Akers	RB	LAR
☐	68	Diontae Johnson	WR	PIT
☐	69	Gabe Davis	WR	BUF
☐	70	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	ARI
☐	71	Drake London	WR	ATL
☐	72	Mike Evans	WR	TB
☐	73	Pat Freiermuth	TE	PIT
☐	74	Darren Waller	TE	NYG
☐	75	George Kittle	TE	SF
☐	76	Dak Prescott	QB	DAL
☐	77	Isiah Pacheco	RB	KC
☐	78	Dameon Pierce	RB	HOU
☐	79	Javonte Williams	RB	DEN
☐	80	David Njoku	TE	CLE
☐	81	Evan Engram	TE	JAC
☐	82	Allen Lazard	WR	NYJ
☐	83	Skyy Moore	WR	KC
☐	84	JuJu Smith-Schuster	WR	NE
☐	85	Kadarius Toney	WR	KC
☐	86	Zay Jones	WR	JAC
☐	87	Brandon Aiyuk	WR	SF
☐	88	Courtland Sutton	WR	DEN
☐	89	Adam Thielen	WR	CAR
☐	90	George Pickens	WR	PIT
☐	91	Marquise Brown	WR	ARI
☐	92	Damien Harris	RB	BUF
☐	93	Brian Robinson	RB	WAS
☐	94	AJ Dillon	RB	GB
☐	95	Alvin Kamara	RB	NO
☐	96	Greg Dulcich	TE	DEN
☐	97	Chigoziem Okonkwo	TE	TEN
☐	98	Geno Smith	QB	SEA
☐	99	Kirk Cousins	QB	MIN
☐	100	Tua Tagovailoa	QB	MIA
☐	101	Aaron Rodgers	QB	NYJ
☐	102	Jamaal Williams	RB	NO
☐	103	D'Andre Swift	RB	PHI
☐	104	Antonio Gibson	RB	WAS
☐	105	Devon Achane	RB	MIA
☐	106	Nico Collins	WR	HOU
☐	107	Brandin Cooks	WR	DAL
☐	108	K.J. Osborn	WR	MIN
☐	109	Rashod Bateman	WR	BAL
☐	110	Jahan Dotson	WR	WAS
☐	111	Jared Goff	QB	DET
☐	112	Daniel Jones	QB	NYG
☐	113	Russell Wilson	QB	DEN
☐	114	Devin Singletary	RB	HOU
☐	115	Rashaad Penny	RB	PHI
☐	116	Van Jefferson	WR	LAR

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☐ 118	Jakobi Meyers	WR	LV
☐ 119	Robert Woods	WR	HOU
☐ 120	Jordan Addison	WR	MIN
☐ 121	New England	DST	
☐ 122	James Cook	RB	BUF
☐ 123	Jeff Wilson Jr.	RB	MIA
☐ 124	Samaje Perine	RB	DEN
☐ 125	Buffalo	DST	
☐ 126	Baltimore	DST	
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☐ 128	Tyler Boyd	WR	CIN
☐ 129	Alec Pierce	WR	IND
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☐ 131	Isaiah Hodgins	WR	NYG
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☐ 133	Elijah Moore	WR	CLE
☐ 134	Tyler Higbee	TE	LAR
☐ 135	Juwan Johnson	TE	NO
☐ 136	Hunter Henry	TE	NE
☐ 137	Jaylen Warren	RB	PIT
☐ 138	Tank Bigsby	RB	JAC
☐ 139	Zach Charbonnet	RB	SEA
☐ 140	Leonard Fournette	RB	FA
☐ 141	Darnell Mooney	WR	CHI
☐ 142	Donovan Peoples-Jones	WR	CLE
☐ 143	Mecole Hardman Jr.	WR	NYJ
☐ 144	Quentin Johnston	WR	LAC
☐ 145	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	WR	SEA
☐ 146	Hayden Hurst	TE	CAR
☐ 147	Taysom Hill	TE	NO
☐ 148	DJ Chark Jr.	WR	CAR
☐ 149	Rondale Moore	WR	ARI
☐ 150	Jerick McKinnon	RB	KC
☐ 151	Romeo Doubs	WR	GB
☐ 152	Rashid Shaheed	WR	NO
☐ 153	Michael Thomas	WR	NO
☐ 154	Tyjae Spears	RB	TEN
☐ 155	Michael Carter	RB	NYJ
☐ 156	Kyren Williams	RB	LAR
☐ 157	Ezekiel Elliott	RB	FA
☐ 158	Kenneth Gainwell	RB	PHI
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☐ 163	Khalil Herbert	RB	CHI
☐ 164	D'Onta Foreman	RB	CHI
☐ 165	Raheem Mostert	RB	MIA
☐ 166	Bryce Young	QB	CAR
☐ 167	Matthew Stafford	QB	LAR
☐ 168	Kenny Pickett	QB	PIT
☐ 169	Mac Jones	QB	NE
☐ 170	Jordan Love	QB	GB
☐ 171	Corey Davis	WR	NYJ

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☐ 173	Russell Gage Jr.	WR	TB
☐ 174	Jayden Reed	WR	GB
☐ 175	Dallas	DST	
☐ 176	Philadelphia	DST	
☐ 177	Miami	DST	
☐ 178	Kansas City	DST	
☐ 179	San Francisco	DST	
☐ 180	Pittsburgh	DST	
☐ 181	Cordarrelle Patterson	RB	ATL
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☐ 188	Terrace Marshall Jr.	WR	CAR
☐ 189	Khalil Shakir	WR	BUF
☐ 190	Zay Flowers	WR	BAL
☐ 191	Indianapolis	DST	
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☐ 194	Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	LV
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☐ 225	Zamir White	RB	LV
☐ 226	Zonovan Knight	RB	NYJ

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☐ 229	Kyle Philips	WR	TEN
☐ 230	Deonte Harty	WR	BUF
☐ 231	Braxton Berrios	WR	MIA
☐ 232	Tutu Atwell	WR	LAR
☐ 233	Cade Otton	TE	TB
☐ 234	Trey McBride	TE	ARI
☐ 235	Logan Thomas	TE	WAS
☐ 236	Dawson Knox	TE	BUF
☐ 237	Deuce Vaughn	RB	DAL
☐ 238	Ameer Abdullah	RB	LV
☐ 239	Chris Evans	RB	CIN
☐ 240	Malik Davis	RB	DAL
☐ 241	Boston Scott	RB	PHI
☐ 242	Zack Moss	RB	IND
☐ 243	Allen Robinson II	WR	PIT
☐ 244	Wan'Dale Robinson	WR	NYG
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☐ 253	Zach Evans	RB	LAR
☐ 254	Sam LaPorta	TE	DET
☐ 255	Luke Musgrave	TE	GB
☐ 256	Jake Ferguson	TE	DAL
☐ 257	Zach Ertz	TE	ARI
☐ 258	Desmond Ridder	QB	ATL
☐ 259	Baker Mayfield	QB	TB
☐ 260	Brock Purdy	QB	SF
☐ 261	Sam Howell	QB	WAS
☐ 262	Jacoby Brissett	QB	WAS
☐ 263	Trey Lance	QB	SF
☐ 264	Gardner Minshew	QB	IND
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☐ 272	Tyler Bass	K	BUF
☐ 273	Evan McPherson	K	CIN
☐ 274	Greg Joseph	K	MIN
☐ 275	Graham Gano	K	NYG
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62	Dallas Goedert	TE	PHI
63	Miles Sanders	RB	CAR
64	Rachaad White	RB	TB
65	Aaron Jones	RB	GB
66	David Montgomery	RB	DET
67	Kenneth Walker III	RB	SEA
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69	Diontae Johnson	WR	PIT
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71	Nick Bosa	DE	SF
72	Maxx Crosby	DE	LV
73	Nick Bolton	LB	KC
74	Foyesade Oluokun	LB	JAC
75	Roquan Smith	LB	BAL
76	Gabe Davis	WR	BUF
77	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	ARI
78	Drake London	WR	ATL
79	Mike Evans	WR	TB
80	Pat Freiermuth	TE	PIT
81	Darren Waller	TE	NYG
82	George Kittle	TE	SF
83	Dak Prescott	QB	DAL
84	Isiah Pacheco	RB	KC
85	Dameon Pierce	RB	HOU
86	Javonte Williams	RB	DEN
87	Joey Bosa	DE	LAC
88	Haason Reddick	DE	PHI
89	Bobby Wagner	LB	SEA
90	Shaquille Leonard	LB	IND
91	David Njoku	TE	CLE
92	Evan Engram	TE	JAC
93	Allen Lazard	WR	NYJ
94	Skyy Moore	WR	KC
95	JuJu Smith-Schuster	WR	NE
96	Kadarius Toney	WR	KC

TOP 65 IDPs

RK	PLAYER	POS	TEAM
1	T.J. Watt	DE	PIT
2	Myles Garrett	DE	CLE
3	Nick Bosa	DE	SF
4	Maxx Crosby	DE	LV
5	Nick Bolton	LB	KC
6	Foyesade Oluokun	LB	JAC
7	Roquan Smith	LB	BAL
8	Joey Bosa	DE	LAC
9	Haason Reddick	DE	PHI
10	Bobby Wagner	LB	SEA
11	Shaquille Leonard	LB	IND
12	Kayvon Thibodeaux	DE	NYG
13	Matthew Judon	DE	NE
14	Derwin James Jr.	S	LAC
15	Bobby Okereke	LB	NYG
16	Josey Jewell	LB	DEN
17	C.J. Mosley	LB	NYJ
18	Eric Kendricks	LB	LAC
19	Quinnen Williams	DT	NYJ
20	Greg Rousseau	DE	BUF
21	Aaron Donald	DT	LAR
22	Aidan Hutchinson	DE	DET
23	Chris Jones	DT	KC
24	L'Jarius Sneed	CB	KC
25	Jalen Pitre	S	HOU
26	Minkah Fitzpatrick	S	PIT
27	Zaire Franklin	LB	IND
28	T.J. Edwards	LB	CHI
29	Logan Wilson	LB	CIN
30	Brian Burns	DE	CAR
31	Cameron Heyward	DE	PIT
32	DeForest Buckner	DT	IND
33	Jeffery Simmons	DT	TEN
34	Danielle Hunter	DE	MIN

Rk	Player	Pos	Team
97	Zay Jones	WR	JAC
98	Brandon Aiyuk	WR	SF
99	Courtland Sutton	WR	DEN
100	Adam Thielen	WR	CAR
101	George Pickens	WR	PIT
102	Marquise Brown	WR	ARI
103	Kayvon Thibodeaux	DE	NYG
104	Matthew Judon	DE	NE
105	Derwin James Jr.	S	LAC
106	Damien Harris	RB	BUF
107	Brian Robinson	RB	WAS
108	AJ Dillon	RB	GB
109	Alvin Kamara	RB	NO
110	Bobby Okereke	LB	NYG
111	Josey Jewell	LB	DEN
112	C.J. Mosley	LB	NYJ
113	Eric Kendricks	LB	LAC
114	Greg Dulcich	TE	DEN
115	Chigoziem Okonkwo	TE	TEN
116	Geno Smith	QB	SEA
117	Kirk Cousins	QB	MIN
118	Tua Tagovailoa	QB	MIA
119	Aaron Rodgers	QB	NYJ
120	Jamaal Williams	RB	NO
121	D'Andre Swift	RB	PHI
122	Antonio Gibson	RB	WAS
123	Devon Achane	RB	MIA
124	Quinnen Williams	DT	NYJ
125	Greg Rousseau	DE	BUF
126	Aaron Donald	DT	LAR
127	Aidan Hutchinson	DE	DET
128	Chris Jones	DT	KC
129	Nico Collins	WR	HOU
130	Brandin Cooks	WR	DAL
131	K.J. Osborn	WR	MIN
132	Rashod Bateman	WR	BAL
133	Jahan Dotson	WR	WAS
134	Jared Goff	QB	DET
135	Daniel Jones	QB	NYG
136	Russell Wilson	QB	DEN
137	L'Jarius Sneed	CB	KC
138	Jalen Pitre	S	HOU
139	Minkah Fitzpatrick	S	PIT
140	Devin Singletary	RB	HOU
141	Rashaad Penny	RB	PHI
142	Zaire Franklin	LB	IND
143	T.J. Edwards	LB	CHI
144	Logan Wilson	LB	CIN

Rk	Player	Pos	Team
145	Brian Burns	DE	CAR
146	Van Jefferson	WR	LAR
147	Curtis Samuel	WR	WAS
148	Jakobi Meyers	WR	LV
149	Cameron Heyward	DE	PIT
150	DeForest Buckner	DT	IND
151	Jeffery Simmons	DT	TEN
152	Danielle Hunter	DE	MIN
153	Robert Woods	WR	HOU
154	Jordan Addison	WR	MIN
155	James Cook	RB	BUF
156	Jeff Wilson Jr.	RB	MIA
157	Samaje Perine	RB	DEN
158	Tim Patrick	WR	DEN
159	Tyler Boyd	WR	CIN
160	Alec Pierce	WR	IND
161	Michael Gallup	WR	DAL
162	Isaiah Hodgins	WR	NYG
163	Odell Beckham Jr.	WR	BAL
164	Elijah Moore	WR	CLE
165	Justin Simmons	S	DEN
166	Jaquan Brisker	S	CHI
167	Jeremy Chinn	S	CAR
168	Tyler Higbee	TE	LAR
169	Juwan Johnson	TE	NO
170	Hunter Henry	TE	NE
171	Jaylen Warren	RB	PIT
172	Tank Bigsby	RB	JAC
173	Zach Charbonnet	RB	SEA
174	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	GB
175	Alex Singleton	LB	DEN
176	Cole Holcomb	LB	PIT
177	Fred Warner	LB	SF
178	Dre Greenlaw	LB	SF
179	Tremaine Edmunds	LB	CHI
180	Isaiah Simmons	LB	ARI
181	Leonard Fournette	RB	FA
182	Darnell Mooney	WR	CHI
183	Donovan Peoples-Jones	WR	CLE
184	Mecole Hardman Jr.	WR	NYJ
185	Quentin Johnston	WR	LAC
186	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	WR	SEA
187	Montez Sweat	DE	WAS
188	Kwity Paye	DE	IND
189	Hayden Hurst	TE	CAR
190	Taysom Hill	TE	NO
191	DJ Chark Jr.	WR	CAR
192	Rondale Moore	WR	ARI

Rk	Player	Pos	Team
193	Jerick McKinnon	RB	KC
194	Christian Wilkins	DT	MIA
195	Sam Hubbard	DE	CIN
196	Josh Allen	DE	JAC
197	Donovan Wilson	S	DAL
198	Romeo Doubs	WR	GB
199	Rashid Shaheed	WR	NO
200	Michael Thomas	WR	NO
201	Tyjae Spears	RB	TEN
202	Michael Carter	RB	NYJ
203	Kyren Williams	RB	LAR
204	Ezekiel Elliott	RB	FA
205	Kenneth Gainwell	RB	PHI
206	Alexander Mattison	RB	MIN
207	Chuba Hubbard	RB	CAR
208	Elijah Mitchell	RB	SF
209	Roschon Johnson	RB	CHI
210	Khalil Herbert	RB	CHI
211	D'Onta Foreman	RB	CHI
212	Raheem Mostert	RB	MIA
213	Bryce Young	QB	CAR
214	Matthew Stafford	QB	LAR
215	Kenny Pickett	QB	PIT
216	Mac Jones	QB	NE
217	Jordan Love	QB	GB
218	Cordarrelle Patterson	RB	ATL
219	Kareem Hunt	RB	FA
220	Tyler Allgeier	RB	ATL
221	Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	LV
222	Derek Carr	QB	NO
223	Anthony Richardson	QB	IND
224	C.J. Stroud	QB	HOU
225	Ryan Tannehill	QB	TEN
226	Kyler Murray	QB	ARI
227	Tyler Conklin	TE	NYJ
228	Dalton Schultz	TE	HOU
229	Daniel Carlson	K	LV
230	Justin Tucker	K	BAL
231	Greg Zuerlein	K	NYJ
232	Tyler Bass	K	BUF
233	Evan McPherson	K	CIN
234	Greg Joseph	K	MIN
235	Graham Gano	K	NYG
236	Harrison Butker	K	KC
237	Chad Ryland	K	NE
238	Jake Moody	K	SF
239	Younghoe Koo	K	ATL
240	Riley Patterson	K	JAC

RK	PLAYER	POS	TEAM
35	Justin Simmons	S	DEN
36	Jaquan Brisker	S	CHI
37	Jeremy Chinn	S	CAR
38	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	GB
39	Alex Singleton	LB	DEN
40	Cole Holcomb	LB	PIT
41	Fred Warner	LB	SF
42	Dre Greenlaw	LB	SF
43	Tremaine Edmunds	LB	CHI

RK	PLAYER	POS	TEAM
44	Isaiah Simmons	LB	ARI
45	Montez Sweat	DE	WAS
46	Kwity Paye	DE	IND
47	Christian Wilkins	DT	MIA
48	Sam Hubbard	DE	CIN
49	Josh Allen	DE	JAC
50	Donovan Wilson	S	DAL
51	Talanoa Hufanga	S	SF
52	Antoine Winfield Jr.	S	TB

RK	PLAYER	POS	TEAM
53	Matt Milano	LB	BUF
54	Jordan Hicks	LB	MIN
55	Devin White	LB	TB
56	Lavonte David	LB	TB
57	Micah Parsons	LB	DAL
58	Zaven Collins	LB	ARI
59	Devin Lloyd	LB	JAC
60	Rayshawn Jenkins	S	JAC
61	Harrison Smith	S	MIN

RK	PLAYER	POS	TEAM
62	Grant Delpit	S	CLE
63	Jordan Poyer	S	BUF
64	Budda Baker	S	ARI
65	Pete Werner	LB	NO

FANTASY POSITION RANKINGS

QUARTERBACKS

Rk	Player	Team
1	Josh Allen	BUF
2	Patrick Mahomes	KC
3	Jalen Hurts	PHI
4	Joe Burrow	CIN
5	Justin Herbert	LAC
6	Lamar Jackson	BAL
7	Trevor Lawrence	JAC
8	Deshaun Watson	CLE
9	Justin Fields	CHI
10	Dak Prescott	DAL
11	Geno Smith	SEA
12	Kirk Cousins	MIN
13	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA
14	Aaron Rodgers	NYJ
15	Jared Goff	DET
16	Daniel Jones	NYG
17	Russell Wilson	DEN
18	Bryce Young	CAR
19	Matthew Stafford	LAR
20	Kenny Pickett	PIT
21	Mac Jones	NE
22	Jordan Love	GB
23	Jimmy Garoppolo	LV
24	Derek Carr	NO
25	Anthony Richardson	IND
26	C.J. Stroud	HOU
27	Ryan Tannehill	TEN
28	Kyler Murray	ARI
29	Desmond Ridder	ATL
30	Baker Mayfield	TB
31	Brock Purdy	SF
32	Sam Howell	WAS
33	Jacoby Brissett	WAS
34	Trey Lance	SF
35	Gardner Minshew	IND
36	Kyle Trask	TB
37	Colt McCoy	ARI
38	Taylor Heinicke	ATL
39	Mike White	MIA
40	Tyler Huntley	BAL
41	Will Levis	TEN
42	Marcus Mariota	PHI
43	Jarrett Stidham	DEN
44	Sam Darnold	SF
45	Mitchell Trubisky	PIT
46	Clayton Tune	ARI
47	Andy Dalton	CAR
48	Tyrod Taylor	NYG
49	PJ Walker	CHI
50	Zach Wilson	NYJ

RUNNING BACKS

Rk	Player	Team
1	Christian McCaffrey	SF
2	Jonathan Taylor	IND
3	Austin Ekeler	LAC
4	Saquon Barkley	NYG
5	Bijan Robinson	ATL
6	Josh Jacobs	LV
7	Tony Pollard	DAL
8	Nick Chubb	CLE
9	Joe Mixon	CIN
10	Derrick Henry	TEN
11	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE
12	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET
13	Najee Harris	PIT
14	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC
15	Breece Hall	NYJ
16	Dalvin Cook	MIN
17	James Conner	ARI
18	J.K. Dobbins	BAL
19	Miles Sanders	CAR
20	Rachaad White	TB
21	Aaron Jones	GB
22	David Montgomery	DET
23	Kenneth Walker III	SEA
24	Cam Akers	LAR
25	Isiah Pacheco	KC
26	Dameon Pierce	HOU
27	Javonte Williams	DEN
28	Damien Harris	BUF
29	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS
30	AJ Dillon	GB
31	Alvin Kamara	NO
32	Jamaal Williams	NO
33	D'Andre Swift	PHI
34	Antonio Gibson	WAS
35	Devon Achane	MIA
36	Devin Singletary	HOU
37	Rashaad Penny	PHI
38	James Cook	BUF
39	Jeff Wilson Jr.	MIA
40	Samaje Perine	DEN
41	Jaylen Warren	PIT
42	Tank Bigsby	JAC
43	Zach Charbonnet	SEA
44	Leonard Fournette	FA
45	Jerick McKinnon	KC
46	Tyjae Spears	TEN
47	Michael Carter	NYJ
48	Kyren Williams	LAR
49	Ezekiel Elliott	FA
50	Kenneth Gainwell	PHI
51	Alexander Mattison	MIN
52	Chuba Hubbard	CAR
53	Elijah Mitchell	SF
54	Roschon Johnson	CHI
55	Khalil Herbert	CHI
56	D'Onta Foreman	CHI
57	Raheem Mostert	MIA
58	Cordarrelle Patterson	ATL
59	Kareem Hunt	FA
60	Tyler Allgeier	ATL
61	Chase Edmonds	TB
62	Kendre Miller	NO
63	James Robinson	NE
64	Joshua Kelley	LAC
65	Gus Edwards	BAL
66	Jerome Ford	CLE
67	Travis Homer	CHI
68	Chase Brown	CIN
69	Pierre Strong Jr.	NE
70	Zamir White	LV
71	Zonovan Knight	NYJ
72	Eric Gray	NYG
73	Deuce Vaughn	DAL
74	Ameer Abdullah	LV
75	Chris Evans	CIN
76	Malik Davis	DAL
77	Boston Scott	PHI
78	Zack Moss	IND
79	Isaiah Spiller	LAC
80	Craig Reynolds	DET

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WIDE RECEIVERS

Rk	Player	Team
1	Justin Jefferson	MIN
2	Tyreek Hill	MIA
3	Cooper Kupp	LAR
4	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN
5	Stefon Diggs	BUF
6	CeeDee Lamb	DAL
7	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET
8	Davante Adams	LV
9	A.J. Brown	PHI
10	DK Metcalf	SEA
11	Tee Higgins	CIN
12	Jaylen Waddle	MIA
13	Tyler Lockett	SEA
14	Garrett Wilson	NYJ
15	DeVonta Smith	PHI
16	Keenan Allen	LAC
17	Chris Olave	NO
18	Deebo Samuel	SF
19	Christian Kirk	JAC
20	Amari Cooper	CLE
21	Mike Williams	LAC
22	Christian Watson	GB
23	Jerry Jeudy	DEN
24	Treylon Burks	TEN
25	Terry McLaurin	WAS
26	Calvin Ridley	JAC
27	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND
28	DJ Moore	CHI
29	Chris Godwin	TB
30	Diontae Johnson	PIT
31	Gabe Davis	BUF
32	DeAndre Hopkins	ARI
33	Drake London	ATL
34	Mike Evans	TB
35	Allen Lazard	NYJ
36	Skyy Moore	KC
37	JuJu Smith-Schuster	NE
38	Kadarius Toney	KC
39	Zay Jones	JAC
40	Brandon Aiyuk	SF
41	Courtland Sutton	DEN
42	Adam Thielen	CAR
43	George Pickens	PIT
44	Marquise Brown	ARI
45	Nico Collins	HOU
46	Brandin Cooks	DAL
47	K.J. Osborn	MIN
48	Rashod Bateman	BAL
49	Jahan Dotson	WAS
50	Van Jefferson	LAR
51	Curtis Samuel	WAS
52	Jakobi Meyers	LV
53	Robert Woods	HOU
54	Jordan Addison	MIN

Rk	Player	Team
55	Tim Patrick	DEN
56	Tyler Boyd	CIN
57	Alec Pierce	IND
58	Michael Gallup	DAL
59	Isaiah Hodgins	NYG
60	Odell Beckham Jr.	BAL
61	Elijah Moore	CLE
62	Darnell Mooney	CHI
63	Donovan Peoples-Jones	CLE
64	Mecole Hardman Jr.	NYJ
65	Quentin Johnston	LAC
66	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA
67	DJ Chark Jr.	CAR
68	Rondale Moore	ARI
69	Romeo Doubs	GB
70	Rashid Shaheed	NO
71	Michael Thomas	NO
72	Corey Davis	NYJ
73	Darius Slayton	NYG
74	Russell Gage Jr.	TB
75	Jayden Reed	GB
76	Hunter Renfrow	LV
77	Mack Hollins	ATL
78	Terrace Marshall Jr.	CAR
79	Khalil Shakir	BUF
80	Zay Flowers	BAL
81	DeVante Parker	NE
82	Marvin Jones Jr.	DET
83	Chase Claypool	CHI
84	Kendrick Bourne	NE
85	Tyquan Thornton	NE
86	Jameson Williams	DET
87	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	KC
88	John Metchie III	HOU
89	Nick Westbrook-Ikhine	TEN
90	Kyle Philips	TEN

TIGHT ENDS

Rk	Player	Team
1	Travis Kelce	KC
2	Mark Andrews	BAL
3	T.J. Hockenson	MIN
4	Kyle Pitts	ATL
5	Dallas Goedert	PHI
6	Pat Freiermuth	PIT
7	Darren Waller	NYG
8	George Kittle	SF
9	David Njoku	CLE
10	Evan Engram	JAC
11	Greg Dulcich	DEN
12	Chigoziem Okonkwo	TEN
13	Tyler Higbee	LAR
14	Juwan Johnson	NO
15	Hunter Henry	NE
16	Hayden Hurst	CAR
17	Taysom Hill	NO
18	Tyler Conklin	NYJ
19	Dalton Schultz	HOU
20	Irv Smith Jr.	CIN

Rk	Player	Team
21	Noah Fant	SEA
22	Dalton Kincaid	BUF
23	Jelani Woods	IND
24	Cole Kmet	CHI
25	Gerald Everett	LAC
26	Michael Mayer	LV
27	Mike Gesicki	NE
28	Cade Otton	TB
29	Trey McBride	ARI
30	Logan Thomas	WAS
31	Dawson Knox	BUF
32	Sam LaPorta	DET
33	Luke Musgrave	GB
34	Jake Ferguson	DAL
35	Zach Ertz	ARI
36	Will Dissly	SEA
37	Durham Smythe	MIA
38	Donald Parham Jr.	LAC
39	Isaiah Likely	BAL
40	Austin Hooper	LV

KICKERS

Rk	Player	Team
1	Daniel Carlson	LV
2	Justin Tucker	BAL
3	Greg Zuerlein	NYJ
4	Tyler Bass	BUF
5	Evan McPherson	CIN
6	Greg Joseph	MIN
7	Graham Gano	NYG
8	Harrison Butker	KC
9	Chad Ryland	NE
10	Jake Moody	SF
11	Younghoe Koo	ATL
12	Riley Patterson	JAC

Rk	Player	Team
13	Matt Gay	IND
14	Brandon McManus	DEN
15	Dustin Hopkins	LAC
16	Christopher Dunn	LAR
17	Michael Badgley	DET
18	Matt Prater	ARI
19	Tristan Vizcaino	DAL
20	Jason Sanders	MIA
21	Jake Elliott	PHI
22	Cade York	CLE
23	Eddy Piñeiro	CAR
24	Chris Boswell	PIT

DEFENSE/ST

Rk	Player
1	New England
2	Buffalo
3	Baltimore
4	Dallas
5	Philadelphia
6	Miami
7	Kansas City
8	San Francisco
9	Pittsburgh
10	Indianapolis
11	Jacksonville

Rk	Player
12	New Orleans
13	Washington
14	L.A. Chargers
15	N.Y. Giants
16	Cleveland
17	Tampa Bay
18	Green Bay
19	Detroit
20	Seattle
21	Tennessee
22	Carolina

Rk	Player
23	N.Y. Jets
24	Minnesota
25	Denver
26	Cincinnati
27	Houston
28	L.A. Rams
29	Arizona
30	Chicago
31	Atlanta
32	Las Vegas

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WHO'S

CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY is the clear choice at 1.01. He's coming off his healthiest and most productive season since 2019, and that was with a midseason trade to adjust to on the fly. CMC was the RB1 in PPR from Week 7 on after he was dealt to the 49ers. He also scored in eight of 11 games and had five top-five finishes at his position with his new team. The situation at quarterback in San Francisco is a bit murky at the moment, but there's no one better than Kyle Shanahan to find a way to make the offense hum regardless. McCaffrey has familiarity playing with quarterbacks Brock Purdy and Sam Darnold, another plus heading into 2023. There are enough questions about the other candidates for the first pick that McCaffrey feels like the safe choice without sacrificing any upside. In his first full season with the Niners, CMC should come off draft boards first.

— KYLE WOOD, SI FANTASY/BETTING

If you're going to win your league, take the upside married with talent and scheme. **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY** has a well-documented injury history, but the 49ers running back is an All-Pro season waiting to happen in head coach Kyle Shanahan's offense. Only 27, McCaffrey rushed for 1,139 yards and eight touchdowns last year while notching 52 catches, 464 yards and four scores.

Now entering his first full season with San Francisco, McCaffrey should get a full workload as Shanahan tries to maintain his elite rushing game while fully integrating a young quarterback in either Trey Lance or Brock Purdy. McCaffrey will be especially valuable in PPR leagues considering the high volume of targets he'll get as a primary target in the quick game or as a release valve when a play breaks down.

While the injuries are always concerning with McCaffrey, he's still played every game in four of his six seasons, and the value he brings is too much to pass up.

— MATT VERDERAME, SI NFL STAFF WRITER

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NO. 1?
FOR 2023

One of the most important things to consider when drafting first overall is positional scarcity. There's a reason Value Based Drafting (VBD) has been around for three decades. Quarterbacks may be the highest scorers, and wide receivers may have less injury risk, but the shallow pool of bell-cow backs makes it imperative to take a running back first overall. You won't be drafting again until the 20th or 24th pick (or later in deeper leagues), so this is your one chance to assure yourself of a stud running back.

No running back is completely without risk, but **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY** is the best bet this year. His value in the passing game raises his floor, especially in PPR leagues, and playing in Kyle Shanahan's system gives him far more upside than he had in Carolina. If you're worried about his injury risk, make sure to take his handcuff, Elijah Mitchell, a round or two earlier than you normally would, since there's always value in a starting 49ers running back. And remember: McCaffrey has finished top-three in non-QB scoring in the three seasons since 2018 in which he played a full slate.

— BEN WEINRIB, ATHLON SPORTS

The league's best "do-it-all" running back with the league's best rushing attack play-caller is a dream-like scenario we all saw in reality last year when the 49ers traded for **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY**. From Weeks 7-18, McCaffrey led all running backs with 238 fantasy points and 21.7 fantasy points per game in PPR formats. Only McCaffrey, Austin Ekeler and Josh Jacobs surpassed 230 points during that stretch. In fact, Derrick Henry and Tony Pollard were the only other rushers to eclipse 190 fantasy points in that time frame, with no other back surpassing 170.

Saquon Barkley scored 159 fantasy points in this time frame, good enough for RB10. That's a 79-point difference, an average of six points a week (practically an extra TD), between RB1 (McCaffrey) and RB10 (Barkley). It doesn't matter who's under center in San Francisco, as the focal point of the offense will be McCaffrey. Only four teams have landed in the top 10 for rushing attempts in each of the last two years: Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland and yep... San Francisco. And now that Kyle Shanahan has the ultimate playmaker in his backfield for the whole season, expect the 49ers to land on this list again. If volume is king, production off that volume is queen and McCaffrey is sitting on the throne representing both royals.

— BILL ENRIGHT, SI FANTASY/BETTING

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Let me just start off by saying I hate having the No. 1 pick in fantasy drafts. Having my pick of the litter at the top is not worth the pain of then sitting on my hands and not getting to pick again until No. 24. And for that reason, even though I recognize Justin Jefferson might be the best fantasy weapon in the NFL right now, I'm compelled to take a running back with the No. 1 pick.

Here's why: If you take Jefferson at No. 1, you won't get an elite running back at No. 24. But there are still plenty of stud receivers at that point. Running back is much thinner in fantasy, so I'd rather make sure I get at least one big-time back.

Who would that be? I'd be very tempted to go for Saquon Barkley, as an improved Giants passing game will prevent defenses from keying on him all the time. But I'll play it safe and take **AUSTIN EKELER**. A top-two fantasy back each of the last two years, Ekeler's combination of running and pass-catching skills makes him a reliable superstar. And it's a contract year for Ekeler, so he'll be extra-motivated.

— CRAIG ELLENPORT, SI FANTASY/BETTING

WHO'S NO. 1?

JUSTIN JEFFERSON is going to be my 1.01. Not only did he lead all fantasy wideouts last season with a whopping 368 PPR points, but that was also 40 points more than the top-scoring running back, Josh Jacobs, whom no one had taken in the first round. In fact, in each of his three seasons in the NFL, Jefferson has finished as the WR4 or better. Jefferson has no lingering injury concerns, he's only 24 and he's earned his spot at the top of the board.

— JENNIFER PIACENTI,
SI FANTASY/BETTING

JUSTIN JEFFERSON, the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year, dominated in 2022 under new head coach Kevin O'Connell. Jefferson was the focal point of an offense that threw the ball more than 60 percent of the time because of a struggling running game. Does that change in 2023? Probably, especially with Minnesota signing Josh Oliver to block for Alexander Mattison and possibly Dalvin Cook (we're still waiting to see if the Vikings trade him). Just how important is Jefferson to the Vikings offense? His targets have increased from 125 in 2020 to 167 in '21 to 184 in '22. So there's no doubt that quarterback Kirk Cousins is going to target Jefferson at least 10 times per game. If there's an area where we'd like to see Jefferson become more dominant, it's in the red zone. He has only 25 career touchdowns in three years, but those numbers should increase with Adam Thielen now in Carolina. Plus, with a more balanced attack, Jefferson should see 1-on-1 coverage more than he did last season.

— JOHN PLUYM,
SI MANAGING EDITOR

I've been in the fantasy business for over two decades, and I've almost always had a running back listed as my top overall pick. But as Yoda once said, "You must unlearn what you have learned." And what I have learned is that even though backs remain vital in fantasy football, wide receivers are now every bit as valuable. And for those in PPR leagues, **JUSTIN JEFFERSON** has moved past Christian McCaffrey and Austin Ekeler as my top pick heading into 2023 fantasy drafts. The superstar wide receiver has seen his point totals increase in each of his first three NFL seasons, and only Ekeler had more points than him among non-quarterbacks in 2022. Wide receivers also tend to stay healthier than running backs, who endure more physical punishment than any other offensive skill position. It still feels odd not promoting a runner, but Jefferson is simply too good to pass up with the No. 1 overall choice.

— MICHAEL FABIANO, SI FANTASY/BETTING

I've been opposed to taking wide receivers in the first round, but times have changed, and **JUSTIN JEFFERSON** exists. The reigning Offensive Player of the Year will outperform every running back because the Vikings will have no choice but to force feed Jefferson with Adam Thielen now playing for the Panthers. Austin Ekeler could be a good second option, but he recently requested a trade from the Chargers and his smaller frame might force him to take less touches this season. As for Christian McCaffrey, there are many mouths to feed with the 49ers and "CMC" is heading into his seventh NFL season. Count on Jefferson to flirt with a 2,000-yard receiving season and possibly end the season as a triple crown winner in yards, receptions and touchdowns.

— GILBERTO MANZANO, SI NFL STAFF WRITER

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I've always been on Team Running Back in the first round. And while you can't predict injuries — sadly, I've been burned by Jonathan Taylor, Christian McCaffrey and Saquon Barkley, just to name a few, over the past couple of seasons — this is the year I'm finally changing my strategy. So allow me to make the case for taking a former LSU receiver with the No. 1 pick this year. Just not the one you think.

Yes, Minnesota's Justin Jefferson rightly will be atop many draft boards — and he's a popular pick among this group. But I've got a hunch that this will be the season Cincinnati's **JA'MARR CHASE** ascends to another level.

Chase missed five games last season after suffering a freak hip injury while being tackled in the end zone. Despite that, only five receivers had more touchdowns than Chase (nine) in 2022. If he had played a full season, Chase was on pace to have 190 targets, 123 catches, 1,482 yards and 13 TDs — numbers that rivaled or would have exceeded Jefferson's ... or any other receiver in the NFL. The Bengals star is also the model of consistency and reliability; he has 10 or more targets in 11 of his past 15 regular-season games. And I think the ceiling is even higher for the 2021 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year (1,455 yards, 13 TDs). So if all things are relatively equal, I'm going to bet on the star receiver with the better quarterback (Joe Burrow).

— RYAN HUNT, EDITOR EMERITUS

BY MICHAEL FABIANO

SIZING UP THE SOPHOMORES

I'm a child of the 1980s and '90s, so I love listening to the old hair bands. Give me a little Mötley Crüe, Warrant or Poison over most of today's music any day! One of my other favorites was Skid Row, who busted out with their big hit "Youth Gone Wild."

That song title describes what's been happening in the fantasy football world. More than ever, we're seeing rookies and second-year players step into the NFL and go wild on the stat sheet. That was evident again last season, as the likes of Breece Hall, Kenneth Walker III, Dameon Pierce, Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave all made a memorable impact for fantasy managers as rookies.

Those players, among others, are heading into their sophomore campaigns and looking to make even more statistical noise. If you can identify the future superstars and draft bargains among them, you'll obviously have a much better chance to reach your league's finals. And at the end of the day, that's where we all want to finish.

In an effort to make you look like a draft genius, help you dominate your competition and not insult your intelligence, I'm not going to go over players such as Hall, Wilson, Walker or Olave. You're smart enough to know they're already the big breakout candidates among the sophomores heading into the upcoming NFL campaign. In fact, Hall, Wilson and Walker likely all will be top-30 picks across most 2023 drafts.

Instead, here are the second-year players who might not have made a huge rookie impact but are in a position to step up and be remembered in 2023. It's all about the bargains, after all, and many of these players will fit the bill. Besides the stars and sleepers, I'll also point out sophomores who could either see a decline in their first-year totals or fail to take that Year 2 leap to fantasy stardom.

SOPHOMORE STARS

ISIAH PACHECO, RB, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Pacheco became Kansas City's top back in the second half of his rookie campaign, averaging 15.1 touches and 11.7 fantasy points in his final nine games. The Chiefs are down on Clyde Edwards-Helaire, and while Jerick McKinnon is still in the picture, Pacheco should remain their starter.

RACHAAD WHITE, RB, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

White should see an increase in touches for Tampa Bay with the release of Leonard Fournette. Whether that means a true featured role or more likely a lead role in a committee, White's stock is rising. He could be on the flex radar in most drafts.

CHRISTIAN WATSON, WR, GREEN BAY PACKERS

Watson was nonexistent in the first half of last season, but he turned into Cris Carter down the stretch, scoring seven touchdowns from Weeks 10-13. With Allen Lazard joining Aaron Rodgers on the Jets, Watson should be Green Bay's No. 1 wide receiver.

DRAKE LONDON, WR, ATLANTA FALCONS

London was up and down on the stat sheet in 2022, but he still finished third in points among non-quarterback rookies. He'll take the next step to stardom as a sophomore and could push for WR2 value in a Falcons offense that could surprise.

TREYLON BURKS, WR, TENNESSEE TITANS

Burks missed six games as a rookie due to injuries, but he certainly showed flashes of potential. He's the unquestioned No. 1 wide receiver in the Titans' 30th-ranked passing offense, and his rookie experience should help him make statistical improvements.

GREG DULCICH, TE, DENVER BRONCOS

Dulcich was a nice fantasy option as far as rookie tight ends go last season, posting double-digit points in his first three games. He developed a quick rapport with his quarterback, Russell Wilson, and will be a low-end No. 1 fantasy tight end in 2023.

CHIGOZIEM OKONKWO, TE, TENNESSEE TITANS

Let's get Chiggy with it! Okonkwo popped in the second half last season, scoring 10 or more points in four of his final six games. He'll be even more prominent in the Titans' talent-deficient pass attack as a sophomore, so look for a surge in his stats.

SOPHOMORE SLEEPERS

JAMES COOK, RB, BUFFALO BILLS

The Bills signed Damien Harris to be their No. 1 running back, but he has had injury issues in the pros and does little as a receiver. Cook will be the third-down back and home-run hitter, making him a potential flex option in PPR formats.

GEORGE PICKENS, WR, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Pickens averaged just 9.8 fantasy points per game last season, but he also had some eye-popping plays that showcased his skills and athleticism. He had a nice rapport with rookie QB Kenny Pickett, too, which should only increase in their second year together.

JAMESON WILLIAMS, WR, DETROIT LIONS

Williams barely played as a rookie coming off a knee injury suffered in college, but his first NFL catch went for a 41-yard touchdown. He was a big-time playmaker at Alabama, and he'll be put in a far more prominent role in his sophomore season. Williams, however, will be suspended for the first six games for violating the NFL's gambling policy.

JAHAN DOTSON, WR, WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

Dotson scored three touchdowns in his first two NFL games, went downhill for a few weeks and then caught fire again down the stretch. He'll be the Commanders' second option in the passing game behind Terry McLaurin and has late-round draft appeal.

ALEC PIERCE, WR, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Pierce showed some potential last season, but Parris Campbell took away some of Pierce's luster — and targets — and was ultimately the No. 2 fantasy receiver in Indianapolis. Campbell is no longer in the mix, however, so Pierce should be more involved as a sophomore.

SKYY MOORE, WR, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Moore wasn't overly involved in the Chiefs' offense last season, but the team has lost both JuJu Smith-Schuster and Mecole Hardman Jr. as free agents. That opens the door for Moore to get plenty more opportunities to catch passes from superstar quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

TREY MCBRIDE, TE, ARIZONA CARDINALS

McBride could emerge as a bigger part of the Cardinals' offense if veteran Zach Ertz has any problems in his return from a knee injury. With Ertz out, McBride was targeted 28 times in the final five games. Ertz is also entering his age-33 season, so Arizona could give McBride more looks as its future No. 1.

ISAIAH LIKELY, TE, BALTIMORE RAVENS

You have likely heard of Likely, who had a couple of standout games as a rookie, including an eight-catch, 103-yard performance in Week 18. He won't be the Ravens' top tight end as long as Mark Andrews is around, but Likely is a talented pass catcher in an offense that lacked a spark in 2022. He's a late sleeper.

SOPHOMORE STINKERS

BROCK PURDY, QB, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Purdy was excellent down the stretch of his rookie season, and he'll no doubt get his chance to start as a sophomore if he has recovered from offseason elbow surgery. The Niners still have Trey Lance, whom they traded up to get in 2021, so Purdy is no lock to even start a full slate of games this season.

KENNY PICKETT, QB, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Pickett was the highest-scoring rookie fantasy quarterback in 2022, but that's not saying much as he averaged 11.5 points per game. That number almost certainly will rise this season, but I don't see him as more than a matchup-based option this year.

DAMEON PIERCE, RB, HOUSTON TEXANS

Pierce is a fierce runner who lived up to expectations as a rookie, but I'm not so sure he can take things to the next statistical level. The Texans added Devin Singletary and Mike Boone, so Pierce might see fewer touches in an offense that also will be breaking in a rookie quarterback (C.J. Stroud).

BRIAN ROBINSON JR., RB, WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

Robinson had some nice games as a rookie and started ahead of Antonio Gibson down the stretch. He was unreliable, though, as his 3.9 yards-per-carry average attests. Robinson will remain a committee back who'll do little in the passing game.

WAN'DALE ROBINSON, WR, NEW YORK GIANTS

Robinson popped a few times last season, and he might be the Giants' best fantasy wideout. However, the Giants added tight end Darren Waller, retained Sterling Shepard and Darius Slayton and traded up to draft speedster Jalin Hyatt. That's a lot of mouths to feed, and it will hurt Robinson's ceiling.

ROMERO DOUBS, WR, GREEN BAY PACKERS

Doubs looked like the better of the two Packers rookie wideouts in the first half of last season, but Christian Watson overtook him and eventually made Doubs waiver fodder. He'll still be worth a late-round look, although with Jordan Love now his QB, Doubs isn't a breakout candidate.

RASHID SHAHEED, WR, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Shaheed is a deep-threat playmaker, posting three catches of 50-plus yards last season, including a 68-yarder in Week 15. He wasn't consistent, though, and the return of Michael Thomas makes Shaheed more of a late-round flier in drafts.

TYQUAN THORNTON, WR, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Thornton had a couple of fantasy-relevant games as a rookie, but he was waiver wire fodder for the most part. The Patriots added JuJu Smith-Schuster as a free agent, which decreases target opportunities and leaves Thornton as a late flier.

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ON THE MEND

BY JENNIFER PIACENTI

Every year, there are some players who unfortunately have their NFL seasons cut short due to injuries. Deciding where to draft those players the following season for your fantasy squad can be tricky. Some players come back from injury with no lingering issues, while others are never quite the same. When evaluating where to take these players in redraft leagues, it's important to consider the extent of the injury, the position they play and, of course, their previous performance and pedigree. It's important to exercise caution when drafting someone returning from a major injury in early rounds. Conversely, sometimes these players will fall too far in drafts and will present value because of their relative upside.

Here are some players who should be on every fantasy manager's radar heading into the 2023 season.

RASHOD BATEMAN

WR, Baltimore Ravens

Bateman hasn't played since Week 8 of 2022, and he's since had surgery for a Lisfranc foot injury. He resumed running in April and is expected to be back for the season. He should reclaim his role as a starting receiver in an offense that should take to the air much more frequently thanks to new offensive coordinator Todd Monken.

BREECE HALL

RB, New York Jets

Hall was on pace to be NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year before tearing his ACL in Week 7. The rookie was the fantasy RB6 on a per-game basis until that point, averaging an impressive 5.8 yards per carry and seeing 4.5 targets per game. The Jets are making big moves, and the run game should open up even more for Hall once he is able to return. Typical recovery time for an ACL is 9-12 months, so Hall may not be ready for the start of the season.

COOPER KUPP

WR, Los Angeles Rams

Across the first nine weeks of 2022 — before he was shut down with a high-ankle sprain — Kupp was the fantasy WR2, leading the league with 11.6 targets per game and ranking second only to Tyreek Hill in catches (72). He was also averaging 101.6 receiving yards per game and had already scored six receiving TDs. Fantasy football managers should not skip a beat drafting him as early as the WR1 in this year's drafts. Kupp was the 2021 NFL Offensive Player of Year, and he won the receiving Triple Crown (leading the NFL in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns) on his way to a Super Bowl championship with the Rams. Quarterback Matthew Stafford and head coach Sean McVay are returning for 2023, and we should see a nice bounce-back from Kupp. He's a no-doubt first-rounder.

TREY LANCE

QB, San Francisco 49ers

The talented runner with decent arm talent has yet to have the opportunity to prove his worth after the Niners traded up for him in the 2021 NFL Draft. Lance played in only two games last season before breaking his ankle, and he didn't look especially sharp before the injury. He should be ready to go for the season, but he could be taking a back seat to Mr. Irrelevant, Brock Purdy, who was impressive in leading the 49ers into the postseason. Of course, Purdy is also on the mend (see right). The Niners also traded for Sam Darnold as insurance in case Lance and/or Purdy are not ready.

KYLER MURRAY

QB, Arizona Cardinals

Murray has lost his shine after failing to live up to the expectations that came with his $230.5 million contract in 2022. Then it got worse for Murray; he tore his ACL in December. Just two seasons ago in 2020, Murray was the fantasy QB3. He has tantalizing upside with his mobility and arm talent, but Kliff Kingsbury was fired, and DeAndre Hopkins wants a trade, so how Murray will return and what he will return to are in serious question. The timeline is unclear, although Murray will not be available to start the season. However, Murray's upside still warrants a late pick and a bench stash. He's exactly the kind of talent who has the potential to dominate the fantasy playoffs.

TIM PATRICK

WR, Denver Broncos

Patrick will return to a new-look Sean Payton offense and will look to form a solid connection with Russell Wilson. Patrick has been one of the more underrated and sure-handed receivers in the NFL. He suffered a torn ACL last August, so he should be a factor for the upcoming season, and maybe he can show some of the chemistry Wilson lacked with Courtland Sutton.

RASHAAD PENNY

RB, Philadelphia Eagles

Penny has elite talent that keeps getting marred by long stints on the injured list; he has played only 18 games across the past three seasons. The injuries have ranged from a fractured pinky finger to a torn ACL to his most recent mishap, a fractured tibia. In 2021, however, Penny led many fantasy managers to a title with an incredible fantasy playoff performance, and across his last 15 games, Penny has averaged more than six yards per carry. That's bonkers. Now he gets an upgraded offensive line in Philadelphia, where he likely will compete with D'Andre Swift for the lead role on a team that logged the fifth-most rushing yards per game and scored a whopping 32 rushing TDs on its way to the Super Bowl. Penny's arrow is pointing up, if he can stay healthy.

DAMEON PIERCE

RB, Houston Texans

Pierce was the entire Texans offense for much of last year — no exaggeration. Through Week 10, Pierce's rookie campaign was off to a great start. He was the RB14 ahead of both Kenneth Walker III and Tony Pollard. In Week 11, Pierce and the Texans hit a wall, and shortly thereafter, Pierce suffered a high-ankle sprain. The Texans wisely did not rush their young RB back into action, and there should be no issue with Pierce being ready to go for the start of this season. The Texans did sign Devin Singletary in the offseason, but Pierce is younger and is extraordinarily good at breaking tackles. He should be the lead back in this new offense. Under the leadership of new head coach DeMeco Ryans, former defensive coordinator for the 49ers, the Texans should field a run-heavy offense.

KYLE PITTS

TE, Atlanta Falcons

Pitts was drafted as early as the third round in many leagues last year, and he vastly underperformed his ADP even before his season-ending knee injury in Week 10. Pitts saw 59 targets before his injury but finished with only 28 receptions for a total of 356 yards (a poor 47.4 percent catch rate). To be fair, he was trying to catch passes from Marcus Mariota in a run-first offense. Will that offense look much different with Desmond Ridder under center? Well, it can't look much worse, but one should exercise caution when taking any tight end not named Travis Kelce before Round 6. If your leaguemates have soured on Pitts and he falls into later rounds, he's worth a pick. After all, he did have 1,026 yards in his rookie season.

BROCK PURDY

QB, San Francisco 49ers

The last pick of the 2022 draft was anything but irrelevant, winning eight in a row and leading the Niners to the NFC Championship Game, where he suffered a torn UCL in a loss to the Eagles. I'm not sure how anyone could perform better in a job interview. Purdy played mostly mistake-free football and looks like a perfect fit in Kyle Shanahan's offense. Purdy should have the leg up on the starter's role for the season, but much will depend on how he heals from his injury. If all goes well, he could be cleared to play in early September. On a per-game basis, Purdy was the fantasy QB8 after taking over the starting role for the 49ers in Week 13.

WAN'DALE ROBINSON

WR, New York Giants

After a slow start to the season with lingering injuries, the promising young rookie tore his ACL in Week 11. Unfortunately for Robinson, that injury coincided with a breakout game in which he recorded nine catches for 100 yards. Early reports say Robinson is on track to be ready for the season; he could be worth a late-round pick in Brian Daboll's improved Giants offense.

JAVONTE WILLIAMS

RB, Denver Broncos

Williams was taken at the end of the first round in many fantasy drafts last season due to his tremendous potential, but he suffered a torn ACL and LCL in Week 4 vs. the Raiders. Williams had been off to a disappointing start, but then again, the entire Denver offense was woeful last season. Sean Payton should revive this team's fortunes. Though Williams could be available for the start of the season, expect him to be worked back in slowly as he recovers from a similar injury to what J.K. Dobbins returned from last year.

TREY LANCE

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2023 ROOKIE ROUNDUP

BY SI FANTASY

BRYCE YOUNG

QUARTERBACKS

BRYCE YOUNG

Alabama • Panthers

The No. 1 pick in the 2023 draft was sensational in his final two seasons at Alabama, throwing for a combined 8,200 yards and 79 touchdowns while tossing just 12 interceptions. Young has good arm strength and awareness in the pocket, and he's clearly an accurate passer based on his statistical totals with the Crimson Tide. He'll project to be the Week 1 starter for Carolina ahead of veteran Andy Dalton, but we do have reservations about his rookie fantasy appeal because he is not a dangerous runner.

C.J. STROUD

Ohio State • Texans

Stroud finished as a Heisman finalist twice. The junior tallied 8,123 passing yards and 85 passing TDs with a 69.3 percent completion rate and only 12 interceptions across the past two seasons with the Buckeyes. Stroud has the talent and accuracy to succeed in the NFL, but he enters a tough situation in Houston. The interior line for the Texans struggled in 2022, allowing a combined 117 pressures and 16 sacks last season. And the Texans lack a clear WR1 with Robert Woods, John Metchie III, Noah Brown and Nico Collins comprising their receiving corps.

ANTHONY RICHARDSON

Florida • Colts

As a one-year starter at Florida, Richardson went 6–6 and completed fewer than 54 percent of his passes, though he flashed the athleticism and rushing ability that made him such a tantalizing prospect. The former Gator is just the fourth quarterback since 2000 to be drafted in the first round after attempting fewer than 400 passes in college. Richardson has elite speed for a 6-foot-4, 244-pound signal-caller. He has drawn comparisons to Cam Newton and has a high ceiling as a dual-threat option under center. The duo of Richardson and running back Jonathan Taylor will make for a dangerous two-headed attack out of the Indianapolis backfield.

WILL LEVIS

Kentucky • Titans

Levis has the prototypical size and arm talent NFL coaches and general managers adore, and he played in a pro-style passing offense with the Wildcats. With Ryan Tannehill still on the roster, Levis isn't expected to enter the season as the starter, but if the Titans sputter out of the gate, the team may want to make the transition to its new rookie. Levis tossed 43 touchdowns in his two seasons at Kentucky, but turnovers were a bit of a concern (23 interceptions) for the 6-foot-3 passer.

HENDON HOOKER

Tennessee • Lions

The former Tennessee quarterback was a Heisman Trophy candidate in 2022, but his season was cut short due to a torn ACL in November. Prior to the injury, Hooker was playing incredibly well and helped lead the Volunteers to a 9-1 record, including an impressive win over Alabama, the school's first since 2006. The 25-year-old vows to be ready for the start of the season, but the Lions still have Jared Goff, so they will be content to bring Hooker along slowly. He has minimal fantasy value in redraft leagues.

RUNNING BACKS

BIJAN ROBINSON

Texas • Falcons

Robinson's upside and three-down skill set make him a potential first-round fantasy pick and at worst a top-20 selection in redrafts. He was sensational in his final two seasons in college, putting up a combined 2,707 rushing yards and 29 rushing touchdowns. He also averaged nearly six yards per rush and had 45 catches for 609 yards and six scores as a receiver. Robinson could bust out in 2023.

JAHMYR GIBBS

Alabama • Lions

The Lions shocked the NFL world by taking Gibbs at No. 12 overall in the draft. They later traded D'Andre Swift, leaving Gibbs in a potential backfield committee with David Montgomery. An Alvin Kamara clone, Gibbs could catch 50-plus passes — he had 44 receptions in 12 games with the Tide in 2022 — in what will remain a high-end Lions offense. He'll be in the No. 2 fantasy running back or flex range in most fantasy redrafts that reward receptions.

ZACH CHARBONNET

UCLA • Seahawks

Charbonnet was widely considered to be a potential NFL starter,

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especially after he posted 1,680 scrimmage yards and 14 touchdowns in his final season at UCLA. Unfortunately for him, that won't happen in Seattle. Instead, he'll play behind incumbent starter Kenneth Walker III as the No. 2 option in a potential backfield committee. Charbonnet will be a nice handcuff option at some point in the middle to late rounds, but his ceiling took a major hit.

KENDRE MILLER

TCU • Saints

Miller had a huge final season at TCU with 1,399 yards and 17 touchdowns on the ground. Alvin Kamara could be facing a suspension to start the season, so the Horned Frogs product could wind up seeing a significant role in the Saints' offense behind Jamaal Williams in a best-case scenario. Miller is a bit one-dimensional, as he wasn't used much as a receiver at TCU, but he could be a player to watch if Kamara is forced to miss time.

DEVON ACHANE

Texas A&M • Dolphins

Achane is small at 5-foot-9 and 195 pounds, but he's a strong pass catcher who could come right in and make an impact for the Dolphins. Their current backfield is unimpressive with Raheem Mostert, Jeff Wilson Jr., Salvon Ahmed and Myles Gaskin, and none of the quartet is as strong as Achane as a receiver. The Texas A&M product should carve out a pass-catching role in the offense and will be worth a late-round look in most PPR redrafts.

ROSCHON JOHNSON

Texas • Bears

Johnson played second fiddle to Bijan Robinson at Texas, but he did show some flashes of potential while averaging six yards per carry last season. He landed in a spot where he could compete for a prominent role, too. The Bears do have both Khalil Herbert and D'Onta Foreman, but the rookie runner might cause the latter not to make the roster or to move down the depth chart. This will be a committee, but Johnson is interesting.

CHASE BROWN

Illinois • Bengals

Brown posted a monster final season at Illinois, rushing for 1,643 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also caught 27 passes out of the backfield, so he has shown versatility. The Bengals won't give him a chance to start with Joe Mixon ahead of him, however, so Brown's rookie season projections are limited. He could end up being Mixon's top handcuff, but even then, he'll be a late-rounder at best.

ISRAEL ABANIKANDA

Pittsburgh • Jets

Abanikanda had a breakout season at Pitt in 2022, rushing for 1,431 yards with 20 touchdowns. He landed in a tough spot from a fantasy standpoint, though, as the Jets are loaded at running back with Breece Hall, Michael Carter and Zonovan Knight all in the mix. Unless Hall's recovery from knee surgery causes him to miss the start of the year, Abanikanda will have a tough time being more than a late-round flier in drafts.

TANK BIGSBY

Auburn • Jaguars

Bigsby rushed for more 2,069 yards and 20 touchdowns combined in his final two seasons at Auburn. An elusive, powerful runner, Bigsby could be a goal-line option for the Jaguars as a rookie. Still, he won't push incumbent starter Travis Etienne Jr. for the top spot on the depth chart and will have to deal with D'Ernest Johnson and JaMycal Hasty for touches in the backfield. In a best-case scenario, Bigsby could be a handcuff.

DEUCE VAUGHN

Kansas State • Cowboys

Vaughn is tiny at just 5-foot-6, but his stats at Kansas State were huge. He posted 1,400-plus rushing yards in each of his final two seasons, during which time he scored a combined 27 touchdowns on the ground. Still, his lack of size and the presence of Tony Pollard will no doubt limit his ability to make an impact in fantasy leagues. At best, he could be worth a late-round look in PPR formats.

TYJAE SPEARS

Tulane • Titans

Spears is coming off a monster season with the Green Wave, rushing for 1,581 yards and 19 touchdowns. He also put up 22 catches, so he's a receiving threat, too. The downside, of course, is that he has no chance to pass a healthy Derrick Henry on the Titans' depth chart and will have to compete with Hassan Haskins to be their No. 2 back. At best, he'll be a late-round handcuff.

ZACH EVANS

Ole Miss • Rams

In his junior season at Ole Miss, Evans rushed for 936 yards and scored nine touchdowns on only 144 carries and added a TD reception. He has averaged at least 6.5 yards per carry in each of his three collegiate seasons (two at TCU). Despite never being a No. 1 back in college, Evans has been efficient, and there could be opportunity in Los Angeles behind an inconsistent Cam Akers. Draft him in deep leagues only, though.

BIJAN ROBINSON

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JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA

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WIDE RECEIVERS

JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA

Ohio State • Seahawks

Smith-Njigba missed most of last season due to an injured hamstring — he appeared in only three games and posting five receptions — but he was a stat sheet stuffer in 2021 with 95 catches, 1,606 yards and nine touchdowns. Seattle already boasts a solid duo of wideouts in DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett. That makes Smith-Njigba the third option at best in the passing attack, barring any injuries to his veteran teammates. It's not a great fantasy landing spot for Smith-Njigba for 2023, but he could be a nice long-term PPR option for those in dynasty leagues.

QUENTIN JOHNSTON

TCU • Chargers

The freakishly athletic 6-foot-4 wideout amassed 1,069 yards and six touchdowns for the Horned Frogs last season. Those numbers would likely have been higher had he not dealt with a few minor injuries along the way. Johnston is a prototypical vertical receiver whose natural athleticism and size should translate quickly to the NFL. He joins an already loaded receiving room that includes Keenan Allen, Mike Williams and Joshua Palmer. Johnston profiles similar to Williams with his massive size and speed. Should the oft-injured Williams miss any time, there will be plenty of opportunity for Johnston to make a splash.

ZAY FLOWERS

Boston College • Ravens

Given the value that Baltimore placed on the former Boston College playmaker, taking him in the first round of the draft with the 22nd overall pick, fantasy football players should expect Flowers to contribute early in his rookie season. What Flowers lacks in size (5-9, 182) he makes up for in athleticism. He's electric with the ball in his hands and should be fun to watch in the NFL as part of the Ravens' offense. Flowers will shine if the Ravens can get creative with his usage. As it relates to fantasy, managers need to account for the other receiving options on his new team (including Odell Beckham Jr. and Rashod Bateman).

JORDAN ADDISON

USC • Vikings

Before transferring to USC, Addison racked up 100 catches for 1,593 yards and 17 touchdowns as a Pitt sophomore in 2021 and won the Biletnikoff Award. He is an expert route runner with excellent ball skills. Addison enters a wide receiver room that includes the reigning Offensive Player of the Year, Justin Jefferson. But it's a good fit since the Vikings parted ways with veteran Adam Thielen. Addison figures to slot into a starting spot alongside Jefferson and third-year pro K.J. Osborn, who came on late last year. There's plenty of potential for Addison to contribute as a rookie.

JALIN HYATT

Tennessee • Giants

Hyatt had a breakout season for the Volunteers, amassing 1,267 yards and 15 receiving touchdowns. Concerns remain about his route-running ability, as he primarily ran vertical routes from the slot, but the sure-handed Biletnikoff winner still has the one thing you can't teach: speed. Wan'Dale Robinson is currently manning the slot, so Hyatt likely will have to become more versatile. Hyatt will make a few big splash plays, but he will be difficult to roster with confidence on a weekly basis for your fantasy team.

RASHEE RICE

SMU • Chiefs

Rice landed in a great spot, as the Chiefs traded up in the second round to land the SMU wideout. With JuJu Smith-Schuster and Mecole Hardman Jr. no longer in the mix, Rice will compete with Kadarius Toney, Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Skyy Moore for targets. Catching passes is going to increase the value of any receiver's stock, so the Rice hype machine is here.

CEDRIC TILLMAN

Tennessee • Browns

Tillman had a fantastic season in 2021, posting 1,081 yards and 12 touchdowns. He played in just six games last year as he dealt with a high-ankle sprain. The Browns are somewhat crowded at wide receiver after adding Elijah Moore, so Tillman will have a tough time carving out a significant role as a rookie. In fact, he'll be more of a dynasty league stash this season.

JOSH DOWNS
North Carolina • Colts
Downs was a star in his final two seasons with the Tar Heels, posting a combined 195 catches for 2,364 yards and 19 scores. Exclusively a slot receiver, he probably will be playing a secondary role behind Isaiah McKenzie in what could become a run-heavy Colts offense in 2023. If Downs makes a move to usurp McKenzie during training camp, he'll be worth a late-round look in PPR formats.

MICHAEL WILSON
Stanford • Cardinals
Wilson posted unimpressive numbers in five seasons at Stanford. His best statistical season came as a sophomore, when he had a 56-672-5 line for the Cardinal. Now with the NFL's Cardinals, Wilson likely will find it tough to see enough consistent targets to make much of an impact in seasonal leagues. Dynasty managers should grab him late in drafts, but Wilson is unlikely to make an instant impact.

TRE TUCKER
Cincinnati • Raiders
Tucker was used mostly as a slot receiver during his collegiate career at Cincinnati, and he put up career bests in catches (52) and yards (672) last season. His stats weren't very eye-popping, though, and he's not likely to excite fantasy fanatics. Tucker is a smaller receiver at 5-foot-9 and 187 pounds, and he'll be hard pressed to make an impact in the Raiders pass attack in his first NFL season.

JONATHAN MINGO
Ole Miss • Panthers
Mingo will pair up nicely with new QB Bryce Young in Frank Reich's Carolina offense. In his senior year at Ole Miss, Mingo had 51 catches for 861 yards and five TDs. The athletic 6-foot-2 receiver is known for his ability to create yards after the catch, and he has both size and speed. He joins a receiving room with Adam Thielen, DJ Chark Jr. and Terrace Marshall Jr. — none of whom is a clear alpha.

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TUCKER KRAFT & LUKE MUSGRAVE

JAYDEN REED
Michigan State • Packers
Reed performed well in college, with his best season being his junior year: 59 receptions for 1,026 yards and 10 touchdowns. His senior year was less exciting, but he had a good performance at the Senior Bowl, showing off strong route-running technique. He is slightly undersized (5-11) and had an issue with drops in college, but he should be able to work himself into the WR3 role.

MARVIN MIMS JR.
Oklahoma • Broncos
Mims joins a very talented receiving room in Denver that includes Courtland Sutton, Jerry Jeudy, Tim Patrick and KJ Hamler. He will have to compete for targets, but Russell Wilson will have no excuses with this many weapons. Mims averaged 19.5 yards per catch over the course of his college career and won 54.5 percent of contested targets. Mims could be a big-play threat on any given Sunday.

TANK DELL
Houston • Texans
After grabbing C.J. Stroud, the Texans focused on giving him all the weapons they could get, and Dell has a chance to make an impact right away if he has chemistry with the new signal-caller. The slightly undersized slot receiver (5-10) led the nation in receiving yards (1,398) yards and his 109 receptions ranked second in 2022. He is able to create separation and could be a sneaky late-round pick for a Houston team not expected to set the world on fire … yet.

TIGHT ENDS

DALTON KINCAID
Utah • Bills
Kincaid is an immediate "move-the-chains" target and red-zone threat for Buffalo's offense. Kincaid joins a talented squad that has the need for production from the tight end position after Dawson Knox had a subpar year in 2022. Quarterback Josh Allen will love his new sure-handed, big-bodied target, who showed strong route-running skills and fluid athleticism with the ball in his hands.

MICHAEL MAYER
Notre Dame • Raiders
Mayer possesses the skills to move the chains as a receiver in the short and intermediate attack while also being used in-line as a blocker. He caught 137 combined passes for 1,649 yards with 16 touchdowns in his final two seasons at Notre Dame. Mayer landed in a great spot. The Raiders traded away Darren Waller, leaving Mayer to compete with journeymen Austin Hooper and O.J. Howard. We like his chances of being the starter, so Mayer is worth a late-round look as a No. 2 option with some upside.

SAM LAPORTA
Iowa • Lions
LaPorta surprisingly went ahead of Michael Mayer (who went one pick later) and landed in a good spot in Detroit. The Lions replaced T.J. Hockenson, who was traded last season, with another tight end from Iowa in LaPorta. He should step in and be the starter, and though his impact might not be consistent, LaPorta should be worth a look in the later rounds.

LUKE MUSGRAVE
Oregon State • Packers
Musgrave battled injuries in college, but when he played, he was productive at Oregon State. He's a huge target at 6-foot-6 and 253 pounds and should fit right into the top spot on the Packers' depth chart after the loss of Robert Tonyan as a free agent. With few options in Green Bay's passing attack, Musgrave will be an interesting late-round flier in most redrafts. He could have a healthy competition this summer with fellow rookie Tucker Kraft.

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DEREK CARR

BY MICHAEL FABIANO

It has been another crazy offseason of player movement, with free-agent signings and big trades shaking up the NFL landscape.

No move was bigger than the one that took the longest to actually happen. Even after Aaron Rodgers emerged from his "darkness retreat" to announce his 2023 intentions, it was weeks before a trade was finally consummated sending the Packers legend to the Jets.

Rodgers is coming off a down year (for him), but he'll have a profound impact on the Jets' offense. He may be a headliner in this group, but he is by no means the only player switching uniforms this season who will have an impact on the fantasy world. Here's a look at some of the notable veterans who have switched teams.

DEREK CARR

QB, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

In Carr's nine seasons as a Raider, he was a four-time Pro Bowler, but his final season with the team was not his best. The 31-year-old was benched late in the season for what head coach Josh McDaniels called "poor play." Carr threw 14 interceptions and took 27 sacks in just 15 games played, with only a 60.8 percent completion rate. That said, Carr's 2021 season — before the coaching change — was one of his best. Carr threw for a career-high 4,804 yards with a 68.4 percent completion rate and 23 touchdown passes, and he took Las Vegas to the postseason. Still, the Raiders released Carr after the 2022 season, and he ended up signing a four-year, $150 million deal ($100 million guaranteed) with the Saints. Saints pass-catchers should get a slight bump with Carr at the helm, if for no other reason than consistency. New Orleans used Jameis Winston for three games last season before Andy Dalton took over, and Taysom Hill was also sometimes thrown into the mix.

BRANDIN COOKS

WR, DALLAS COWBOYS

The Cowboys acquired the veteran Cooks from the Texans in exchange for two late draft picks. Cooks will be joining a much better offensive attack, but don't expect a significant boost to his overall fantasy football draft value. Cooks was the top option in the Texans' pass attack over the past three seasons. He scored more than 230 fantasy points in both 2020 and '21 before seeing his points fall to 145.6 last season. His points-per-game average also has dropped in each of the past three years. Still, Cooks is the clear No. 2 in Dallas behind CeeDee Lamb, and he'll no doubt be in the WR3 conversation in drafts. The biggest winner in Big D is Dak Prescott. Prescott struggled at times on the stat sheet without Amari Cooper last season. If he can forge a good rapport with Cooks, Prescott should see his numbers rise this season.

JIMMY GAROPPOLO

QB, LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Garoppolo signed a three-year, $67.5 million contract ($45 million guaranteed) to be the starting quarterback for the Raiders, replacing Carr. It's a great fit for Garoppolo, as he knows head coach Josh McDaniels' offense from their time together in New England. He'll also have a nice collection of skill-position pieces, including NFL rushing leader Josh Jacobs, stud wideout Davante Adams and veteran receivers Hunter Renfrow and Jakobi Meyers. Garoppolo hasn't been the most durable player, missing 18 games over the past three years due to injuries. He also has not been a great fantasy quarterback, averaging no more than 15.2 fantasy points per game in any of his past three seasons. His best fantasy campaign came in 2019 with the 49ers, when he threw for 27 TDs and nearly 4,000 yards. While Garoppolo can be useful based on matchups, he shouldn't be selected as more than a No. 2 quarterback in 2023.

MIKE GESICKI

TE, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The Patriots traded away one tight end, Jonnu Smith, and signed another in Gesicki, whose value should improve in New England. A top-10 tight end in 2021, Gesicki saw his fantasy point total decrease by more than 65 points under Dolphins head coach Mike McDaniel. He finished 23rd in PPR and was mostly touchdown dependent (he scored just five times last season). The veteran also saw his offensive snaps drop from 828 in 2021 to just 478 in 2022. Gesicki can be an asset in fantasy football, however, which he proved the previous year with 73 catches, 780 yards and 165 fantasy points. Entering his age-28 season, Gesicki just needs a fresh start and an offense that will utilize him as a pass-catcher. I like Gesicki as a late-round No. 2 fantasy tight end who could become a viable match-up-based starter if the Patriots utilize his pass-catching abilities.

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DAMIEN HARRIS
RB, BUFFALO BILLS

Harris will replace Devin Singletary, who signed with the Texans. The move is a positive one for Harris, who will be a major contributor in Buffalo. Harris is coming off a disappointing fantasy season in which he missed six games due to various injuries and finished with just 90.9 points. That's 119 fewer points than he scored in his breakout 2021 campaign, when he rushed for 15 touchdowns. The emergence of second-year runner Rhamondre Stevenson as the lead option in New England's backfield also had something to do with Harris' decline. In Buffalo, Harris will be the early-down and goal-line back in an explosive offense that should give him ample chances in the red zone. He won't be a true featured back, though; Harris likely will be a non-factor in the passing game with James Cook and Nyheim Hines in the mix. Still, moving to Buffalo should improve his value.

BAKER MAYFIELD
QB, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

The Buccaneers are replacing the retired Tom Brady with Mayfield, a former No. 1 overall pick. The Bucs are Mayfield's fourth team in the past three seasons. Mayfield had a solid rookie season, posting a rookie-record 27 touchdown passes and averaging 17.2 fantasy points per game. Unfortunately, it has been all downhill since. He has failed to average more than 15.5 fantasy points per game in each of his past three seasons, and he's averaged fewer than 13 points in the past two. On a positive note, Mayfield will be joining a Buccaneers offense with good veteran talent. Mike Evans has never had fewer than 1,000 receiving yards in a single season, and Chris Godwin is one of the best slot men in the NFL. Losing Brady, however, will no doubt cause them to lose some of their luster in fantasy football drafts.

JAKOBI MEYERS
WR, LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

After signing Garoppolo as their new quarterback, the team added another former Patriot in Meyers, who also is familiar with McDaniels' offense. Meyers finished as the WR29 in 2022, posting 67 receptions for 804 yards and six touchdowns, despite missing three games due to knee and head injuries. He averaged a career-high 57.4 yards and 12.9 fantasy points per game. Meyers is just 26, and his fantasy points per game average has increased in each of the past three seasons. While this does give Garoppolo another weapon in the passing game, it's a lateral move at best for Meyers's fantasy appeal. The former top option for the Patriots, he'll now be the second- or third-best pass catcher in Las Vegas with target hog Adams and Renfrow also drawing opportunities.

DAVID MONTGOMERY
RB, DETROIT LIONS

With the Lions, Montgomery will take over the role Jamaal Williams thrived in last year, scoring a franchise-best 17 touchdowns. Montgomery is coming off a subpar season on the stat sheet, posting 891 rushing yards, six total touchdowns and 177.7 fantasy points. That was good enough for him to finish as the RB24. Unfortunately, his rushing yards and touchdowns have declined in three straight years. He

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has also seen his fantasy points per game drop from 17.6 (2020) to 15.0 (2021) all the way to just 11.1 this past year. Montgomery also will be contending with rookie first-round pick Jahmyr Gibbs for touches. That's going to cap his fantasy ceiling (Gibbs' as well) to that of a flex starter in most drafts. However, Montgomery could push for RB2 value because Gibbs is unproven.

DJ MOORE

WR, CHICAGO BEARS

The Bears got plenty of draft capital when they traded this year's No. 1 overall pick to Carolina, and they also got a bona fide No. 1 receiver for Justin Fields with the addition of Moore. Chicago has surrounded Fields with an improved offense, adding Moore to a corps of receivers that also includes Chase Claypool and Darnell Mooney. With Cole Kmet still at tight end, Fields suddenly has some nice passing options. Moore is coming off a down season in Carolina, posting just 63 catches and 888 yards as a receiver. Those were his worst totals since his rookie year in 2018, and it had much to do with a bad offense and lousy quarterbacks. With Fields under center, Moore should rebound and post WR2 totals this season. Claypool and Mooney will remain draftable — but not until the later rounds as WR4/WR5 options.

RASHAAD PENNY

RB, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

The Eagles have taken a flier on Penny, the former Seahawks running back. Anyone who could be the starting running back for the Eagles is worth at least a mention. And with Miles Sanders signing with Carolina, Penny should battle D'Andre Swift, another offseason acquisition from Detroit, for the starting job. Penny has averaged 6.2 yards per attempt over the past two years. That included a bust-out second half of 2021, when he was a league-winner in fantasy football. The problem, of course, is that Penny is rarely healthy. He's been limited to a mere 42 games over his five seasons in the NFL, and he played in just five games last year (a fractured fibula ended his season in October). That's a trend that might never change. For now, Penny should remain on fantasy radars.

ALLEN ROBINSON II

WR, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

In 2020, Robinson had a career-best 102 catches and 1,250 yards. The past two seasons weren't nearly as kind, thanks to a combination of poor quarterback play and injuries. His fantasy value won't improve in Pittsburgh. Now behind Diontae Johnson and George Pickens at wide receiver, Robinson will be the third or fourth option at best in the passing game. He'll also be playing with yet another young quarterback, Kenny Pickett, who did little to help the stock of either Johnson or Pickens as a rookie. At this point in his career, Robinson is more name than production and should no longer be considered outside of the late rounds of redrafts. Unless injuries happen around him, the veteran is likely to be difficult to trust as more than a fantasy reserve in 2023.

AARON RODGERS

QB, NEW YORK JETS

Rodgers will be the most decorated field general the Jets have had since another former Packer, Brett Favre. Rodgers is coming off a down season, however, as he threw for 3,695 yards — the fewest he has had in a season in which he played 15 games or more — and averaged an unimpressive 14.1 fantasy points per game, the lowest of his career. As he enters his age-40 season, some fantasy managers will wonder if Rodgers is washed up. But there's a lot to like about this move. First, Rodgers will be working with Nathaniel Hackett, his offensive coordinator in Green Bay during his previous two MVP seasons (2020, '21). Second, the Jets have good young talent. Offensive Rookie of the Year Garrett Wilson will be in the No. 1 fantasy wideout conversation with Rodgers under center. Rodgers will also play alongside a strong, young running back in Breece Hall, who will benefit from defenses staying honest with the Hall of Famer at the helm. Rodgers won't be a top-five player at the position like he used to be, but you have to like him as a low-end No. 1.

DJ MOORE

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MILES SANDERS

RB, CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers have found their new No. 1 running back, signing the former Eagle to a four-year, $25.4 million contract with $13 million guaranteed. Sanders is coming off a solid season, posting a career-best 1,347 scrimmage yards and 11 TDs, good for 216.7 fantasy points. He was painfully inconsistent on the stat sheet, however, scoring single-digit points in eight of his 17 games, including each of the final four contests. In Carolina, he'll project to be the early-down and goal-line back while sharing some of the workload with Chuba Hubbard. Sanders can be a decent pass-catcher, but he's seen his reception totals decline in each of the past three seasons, which will hurt him in PPR formats. While it's a good place for Sanders to land, I'd still be hard-pressed to trust him as anything more than a risk-reward, low-end No. 2 fantasy runner.

DALTON SCHULTZ

TE, HOUSTON TEXANS

Schultz is staying in the state of Texas, but he'll be wearing the red, white and blue of the Texans. The former Cowboy will move ahead of Brevin Jordan and Teagan Quitoriano on the depth chart. Unfortunately, playing in Houston won't help his fantasy draft appeal. Schultz ranked 10th in fantasy points (142.7) among tight ends in 2022. That was more than 60 fewer points than he had in his breakout campaign of 2021, but Schultz was still a productive fantasy

option. He put up double digits in five of his final 10 games and helped plenty of fantasy fans win a championship with a seven-catch, 57-yard, two-touchdown game in Week 17. Now in Houston, Schultz could become a popular safety net for Texans rookie quarterback C.J. Stroud. Regardless, both the offense and field general will be a downgrade.

DEVIN SINGLETARY

RB, HOUSTON TEXANS

The Texans signed Singletary to a one-year deal worth $2.75 million. The move isn't great from a fantasy standpoint, at least for Singletary and Dameon Pierce. While the latter will continue to lead the team in backfield touches, Singletary is good enough to pry some work away from Pierce. Singletary has never been a fantasy star, except for a late-season stretch in 2021 when he averaged 20.9 points in four games, including the fantasy postseason. In all, he's never averaged more than 11.6 points per game in a full season. To his credit, he has caught at least 38 passes in each of the past three seasons and had more than 1,000 scrimmage yards in 2021 and '22. The problem is that, behind Pierce, Singletary will be hard-pressed to see enough work out of the backfield to warrant more than a low RB4 spot on fantasy rosters.

JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER

WR, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The Patriots signed Smith-Schuster to a three-year, $33 million contract. With the loss of Jakobi Meyers, Smith-Schuster is looking like the de facto No. 1 fantasy wide receiver for New England's passing game. The USC product finished as the WR27 in 2022, posting 78 receptions for 933 yards and three touchdowns. When you consider that he was catching passes from Patrick Mahomes, however, those totals are particularly unimpressive. The good news is that Smith-Schuster is still just 26, and his arrow is still pointing up. He has displayed the ability to put up numbers in the past, averaging more than 14 fantasy points three different times in his career, including a 2018 campaign in Pittsburgh in which he put up 111 catches, more than 1,400 receiving yards and an average of 18.6 points per game.

D'ANDRE SWIFT

RB, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

As soon as the Lions drafted running back Jahmyr Gibbs in the first round, it marked the end of Swift's three-year run in Detroit. Sure enough, the Lions traded him to the Eagles two days later. This could be a big move for Swift, but the jury is still out. Injuries limited him last season as he rushed for 542 yards, added 48 receptions for 389 yards and scored eight total touchdowns. He joins an Eagles backfield that is still crowded even with the departure of leading rusher Miles Sanders. Philadelphia signed Penny in free agency, though Penny has been injury prone. The Eagles still have Kenneth Gainwell and Boston Scott as well. And don't forget: Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts has scored 23 rushing touchdowns over the past two seasons, so he's bound to vulture some of those scores again.

ADAM THIELEN

WR, CAROLINA PANTHERS

Thielen is coming off a down season on the stat sheet, posting just 70 catches for 716 yards and six touchdowns. His end-zone visits have declined in each of the past three years, and he's entering his age-33 campaign. He still is the best fantasy option the Panthers have at receiver at this point, though some would argue that DJ Chark Jr., Terrace Marshall Jr. and Laviska Shenault Jr. could be close in value. The Panthers' offense is going to look much different in 2023. Age and a rookie quarterback (even if it's No. 1 pick Bryce Young) are the biggest reasons to have some hesitancy about Thielen's future fantasy value. In fact, fantasy fans might be better off passing on Thielen and grabbing Marshall or Shenault in the later rounds.

DARREN WALLER

TE, NEW YORK GIANTS

The Raiders traded Waller to the Big Apple for a third-round pick. The trade is a good one for the 30-year-old Waller, as the Giants lack big-time playmakers in the passing game. At this point, you can argue that Waller is the best bet to lead the team in targets. This is also good news for QB Daniel Jones, who gets a big, pass-catching playmaker. The only downside with Waller: injuries. He has played in just 20 games in the past two seasons, and his combined statistics from those contests seriously pale in comparison to his impressive 2020 and '21 campaigns, when he had 90-plus catches and more than 1,100 yards in both seasons. If he can avoid the trainer's room, Waller easily could re-emerge as a top-five tight end with Big Blue. It's a risk-reward choice, however.

JAMAAL WILLIAMS

RB, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Williams signed a three-year, $12 million contract with the Saints coming off a career season in Detroit, when he posted 1,066 rushing yards, an NFL-best 17 rushing touchdowns (a Detroit franchise record) and 225.9 fantasy points. What's more, his 17 rushing scores were four more than he had in his first five NFL seasons combined (13). Williams will now play the "Mark Ingram II role" in the Saints' offense, splitting some of the early-down and goal-line work with Alvin Kamara. He could play an even bigger role in the offense if the NFL suspends Kamara for an incident in Las Vegas during the 2022 Pro Bowl. If that happens, Williams could push for RB2 value while Kamara is out. For now, I see him as a potential flex starter with a limited ceiling with Kamara in the mix. He'll also be one of the league's best fantasy handcuffs at the position.

JAMAAL WILLIAMS

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99 FANTASY FACTS FROM THE 2022 NFL SEASON

by Michael Fabiano

There's just one letter in the alphabet that doesn't appear in any U.S. state's name (answer: Q).

A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.

Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

Those are a few interesting facts you might not have known. Now for some things you might find even more interesting: Here are 99 Fantasy Football Facts from what was a very challenging 2022 NFL season.

Quarterbacks

1. It was a down season for the quarterback position from a statistical perspective. Only four players averaged more than 20 fantasy points per game, down from nine in 2021. We also saw only four signal-callers throw for 30-plus touchdowns. That's down from the nine who hit that mark in 2021.

2. Among the top 12 quarterbacks drafted based on average draft position (ADP) data, only six finished in the top 12 in fantasy points. The players who failed to meet expectations include Lamar Jackson, Kyler Murray, Aaron Rodgers, Russell Wilson, Matthew Stafford and Dak Prescott. Tom Brady (12th) barely made it.

3. Patrick Mahomes threw for 5,250 yards and produced 45 total touchdowns, amassing 417.4 fantasy points. That broke the previous single-season record for quarterbacks, which was 417.1 points — held by Mahomes (2018). His passing yards total ranks fourth all time, and his 41 touchdown passes are tied for 12th all time.

4. Mahomes recorded the best season ever for a quarterback based on fantasy points even without his top option from the previous season, Tyreek Hill. In 55 regular-season Mahomes starts in which Hill played at least 20 snaps, more than a third of Mahomes' fantasy point totals came from passes to Hill.

5. From 2018-21, Mahomes completed 250 big plays (passes of 20-plus yards). Hill was on the receiving end of 85 of those passes (34 percent). Mahomes averaged 62.5 big plays per season in that timeframe. Without Hill in 2022, Mahomes had 73 big plays. That's 15 more than he had in Hill's final season with the Chiefs. Quite an accomplishment.

6. Mahomes has scored 1,867.9 fantasy points in his 80 regular-season games. That ranks 32nd all time. Among the 32 quarterbacks on the list, no one else has reached that level in fewer than 143 games (Michael Vick). Mahomes' 23.4 fantasy points per game average is the highest among any quarterback in NFL history.

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7. Josh Allen scored 395.5 fantasy points in 2022, third best in his career. However, his 24.7 fantasy points per game average was tied for the most he's scored.

8. In the past three seasons, Allen leads all quarterbacks with 1,194.2 fantasy points. Mahomes is second with 1,153.5 points. Allen has rushed for 21 touchdowns in those 49 combined games, which ranks second among quarterbacks. The lone quarterback with more rushing touchdowns in that time is Jalen Hurts.

9. Hurts, who is coming off a breakout season on the field and in fantasy football, has rushed for 26 touchdowns in his first 45 games (34 starts). That already ranks tied for 15th among all quarterbacks in the Super Bowl era. If he can have more seasons like he did in 2022, Hurts could catch the career leader, Cam Newton (75), in another four years.

10. Joe Burrow finished fourth in fantasy points among quarterbacks, recording 40 total touchdowns and 350.7 points. He has scored a combined 838.7 points in his career, which ranks eighth among quarterbacks in their first three years in the league.

11. Geno Smith finished fifth in fantasy points among quarterbacks, posting career bests across the board. Smith's average draft position was 228th (QB31), so he was one of the best draft values or waiver wire adds in fantasy football.

12. The quarterback Smith replaced in Seattle, Russell Wilson, had an ADP of 71.6 (QB7). He went on to have the worst season of his career, throwing for a mere 16 touchdowns (24 fewer than he had in 2020) with 11 interceptions. His 225.8 points were the lowest of his career and were 78.1 fewer points than Smith scored. Again, Smith was selected an average of 156.4 spots below Wilson.

13. Justin Fields had an awful start to the season, scoring a combined 37.5 fantasy points in his first four games. That ranked 31st at the position.

14. The light went on for Fields after that, however, as he led all quarterbacks in fantasy points over the next five weeks. His points per game average went from under 10 in the first four weeks to almost 26 in his next five contests. During that time frame, he rushed for 455 yards and scored a combined 11 touchdowns.

15. Fields would finish sixth in fantasy points among quarterbacks, and only Hurts, Allen, Mahomes and Burrow averaged more points per game at the position. That's pretty impressive considering his first four games were complete fantasy stinkers.

16. Trevor Lawrence looked like a different quarterback compared to his rookie season, throwing for 4,113 yards and accounting for 30 touchdowns. That's 472 yards and 16 more total scores than he had in 2021. He also threw nine fewer interceptions.

17. Jared Goff finished a surprising 10th in points among quarterbacks, averaging 16.7 points per game. He was far better at home, however, throwing for 23 touchdowns with three intercep-

tions while averaging 21.4 points. On the road, however, he threw for six touchdowns in eight games with four interceptions and averaged 11.5 fantasy points.

18. Justin Herbert has recorded more fantasy points in his first three seasons than any quarterback in NFL history, but his third campaign was a disappointment. His passing yards and touchdowns declined, and his fantasy point total decreased by almost 100 points compared to 2021.

19. Tom Brady scored just 271.7 fantasy points. That's 103 fewer points than he scored in 2021 and was his lowest point total since leaving the Patriots after the 2019 season.

20. On the upside, Brady's 271.7 fantasy points rank sixth among quarterbacks of at least 40 years of age. He now holds seven of the top eight spots at the position among all signal-callers at that age. The only other player on the list is Brett Favre, who scored 283.6 points as a Viking at age 40 in 2009.

21. Aaron Rodgers finished as the QB13 in 2022, posting 239.2 fantasy points.

22. Rodgers didn't score more than 19.4 fantasy points in a game in 2022. What's more, he scored fewer than 17 points in all but two games.

23. Lamar Jackson averaged a respectable 19.7 fantasy points last season, but he once again missed five games (for the second straight season). He was on pace to rush for more than 1,000 yards for the third time, but Jackson's injury woes are becoming a cause for concern. While he's still in his prime, the mobile quarterback can no longer be considered an elite fantasy option.

24. The 2022 season was not a good one for rookie quarterbacks. Pittsburgh's Kenny Pickett was the leader in fantasy points, but he scored just 11.5 points per game in his 12 starts. The best first-year signal-caller on a points-per-game basis was Brock Purdy. "Mr. Irrelevant" in the 2022 NFL Draft averaged 11.8 points in his nine games.

25. Purdy, who took over the starting job in San Francisco after Jimmy Garoppolo was injured (Week 13), averaged a stout 18.2 fantasy points in his five starts. The rookie finished sixth in points among quarterbacks from Weeks 14-18.

Running Backs

26. Jonathan Taylor was the consensus No. 1 overall pick in most 2022 fantasy drafts, but he missed six games due to injuries and averaged 13.3 points in the 11 games in which he was active. That's 8.6 points per game fewer than he scored during his breakout 2021 season.

27. Over the past three seasons, Taylor (2022) and Christian McCaffrey (2021, 2020) have been the consensus No. 1 overall fantasy picks. Taylor finished as the RB33, and CMC ranked as the RB38 (2021) and RB54 (2020). Since 2017, the consensus No. 1 overall pick (all running backs) has finished outside of the top 30 at the position four times.

28. Based on 2022 ADP data, Taylor, Derrick Henry, McCaffrey, Dalvin Cook, Nick Chubb, Austin Ekeler, Najee Harris, D'Andre Swift, Alvin Kamara and Aaron Jones were the top 10 selections among running backs. Taylor, Cook, Harris, Swift and Kamara all finished outside of the top 10 at the position based on PPR leagues. So, 50 percent of the projected top 10 running backs failed to meet expectations.

29. Cook did finish just outside of the top 10 backs (RB11), but his fantasy points per game average dropped from 15.9 to 14 in 2022. His points-per-game totals have now dropped in three straight seasons.

30. Ekeler finished as the No. 1 fantasy running back in 2022, posting 107 catches, 1,637 yards, 18 total TDs and 372.7 points. He has finished in the top three among running backs in two straight seasons. Ekeler is also the lone RB to score more than 300 fantasy points in each of the past two seasons.

31. McCaffrey, who had played in just 10 games over the previous two seasons, avoided injuries and finished second in fantasy points among backs. He scored 13 TDs between Carolina and San Francisco, and his 1,880 scrimmage yards were third behind only Josh Jacobs and Derrick Henry. CMC has scored more than 350 fantasy points in each of his past three full seasons and has averaged more than 20 points per game in four of his past five seasons.

32. While CMC will be a high draft pick next season, there are some stats that are a bit worrisome. In four games played with Elijah Mitchell, McCaffrey had just three more carries (42 to 39) and saw one fewer red-zone look. Mitchell has not been very durable in his short NFL career, but his presence could lower McCaffrey's ceiling.

33. Much like McCaffrey, Saquon Barkley also avoided injuries and re-established himself as an elite fantasy running back. After missing 18 games in his previous two seasons, Barkley played in 16 games and posted a career-best 1,312 rushing yards. His 284 points were the second-best total of his career. Barkley is locked in as a top-eight pick in 2023 drafts.

34. Henry rushed for more than 1,500 yards for the third time in his past four seasons, and he's scored more than 290 fantasy points three times since 2019. He also rushed for 13 touchdowns in 2022 and has scored a combined 70 total touchdowns over the past five years. No other running back has scored more than 58 touchdowns during that time.

35. Henry also leads all running backs in rushing yards (7,101) and scrimmage yards (8,072) and ranks fourth in fantasy points (1,325) in the past five seasons. He is also the league leader in rushing attempts during that time, seeing 1,464 carries (20.6 carries per game). That's a ton of work for any running back.

36. Henry had 382 touches in 2022, which is the most of any running back at age 28-plus over the past decade. Only four other

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backs have had more than 340 touches in that age range — and all four saw a decline of at least 106 touches the following season. Does the same fate await Henry in 2023?

37. In 2020-21, Henry averaged 4.6 yards per rush in the first half of games. That number jumped to 5.3 yards per rush in the second half, which shows that Henry seemed to get relatively stronger as the game progressed. But in 2022, Henry averaged 5.3 yards per rush in the first half and 3.4 yards per rush in the second half, the biggest drop in the past four years.

38. Three of the top 10 fantasy running backs (Jacobs, Rhamondre Stevenson and Tony Pollard) were selected outside of the top 40 overall picks at the position. Jacobs, who was the RB23 on average in drafts, finished third in PPR points among running backs.

39. Jacobs finished with career bests in rushing yards and scrimmage yards and tied for a personal best with 12 total TDs. His 1,653 rushing yards and 2,053 scrimmage yards both led the NFL, and his 328.3 fantasy points beat his previous career high by nearly 100 points.

40. Jamaal Williams finished 13th in fantasy points among running backs, rushing for 1,066 yards and 17 touchdowns. Those 17 rushing scores set a new franchise record for a Lions running back, breaking the old mark of 16 set by the great Barry Sanders in 1991.

41. Williams, on average, was the 54th running back drafted.

42. Williams was a great draft value, but Kansas City's Jerick McKinnon might have been the best bargain among running backs. He was the RB65 based on ADP data. McKinnon finished as the RB20 overall, but he had the second-most points from Weeks 14-18.

43. Najee Harris was one of the bigger disappointments in fantasy, scoring just 223.5 points in PPR formats. That was down more than 70 points compared to the 300.7 points he scored as a rookie.

44. In his final season with Drew Brees (2020), Alvin Kamara caught 83 passes and found the end zone an NFL-best 21 times en route to 377.8 fantasy points. In his two seasons without Brees, Kamara has scored a combined 13 touchdowns — just four in 2022 — while averaging a mere 223.2 points.

45. Kamara, who is entering his age-28 season, has scored single-digit fantasy points 10 times in 28 games between 2021-22. He had three such performances in the previous two years.

46. Fantasy fans looking for a potential breakout player this season should draft Breece Hall. The rookie started off slowly, but he caught fire before an injured knee cost him the final 10 games. From Weeks 3-6, Hall scored 78.8 points in PPR formats — sixth most among runners during that time.

47. Hall averaged 16.4 fantasy points per game in his seven games combined, which ranks eighth among backs who played in at least seven contests. He also averaged a bananas 5.8 yards per rush and had a rush of at least 14 yards in every game.

48. Another rookie, Kenneth Walker III, also came on strong after a slow start. After Walker carried the ball just 15 times in Seattle's first four games, an injury to Rashaad Penny opened the door for him to see a featured role. In Weeks 5-18, Walker averaged 15.8 fantasy points.

49. During that nine-week stretch, Walker ranked 10th in fantasy points scored per game among running backs who played in at least nine games. He also tied for 10th in rushing touchdowns in 2022. He'll be a top-36 pick in 2023 drafts.

50. Speaking of rookies, Tyler Allgeier finished just 29th in fantasy points among all backs but rushed for 1,035 yards and was a strong option down the stretch. Allgeier was the fifth-best runner over the final four weeks of the season. It will be interesting to watch his workload with Robinson's arrival. If nothing else, he'll be an elite handcuff.

51. Allgeier also proved that he could handle the role of a featured back, averaging 19.8 carries and 21.3 touches per game during that four-week span.

52. Cam Akers also came on very strong late in the season, scoring the fourth-most points among running backs during the fantasy playoffs. He averaged 20 touches and 5.7 yards per rush attempt in that time, making Akers a real league-winner for a lot of owners.

53. Akers was the RB53 in the first 14 weeks while averaging an anemic 5.8 points per game. He also averaged just 10.6 touches in those first 11 contests. Akers' stock is on the rise. He could end up being an RB2 in 2023 drafts.

54. Miles Sanders finished 15th in fantasy points among running backs, but more than 41 percent of his points were scored in just three games.

55. Sanders was really bad just as often as he was good. He scored single digits eight times. Sanders was an awful 52nd in fantasy points among backs in the fantasy playoffs.

Wide Receivers

56. Six wide receivers finished with at least 299 fantasy points last season, including three who scored more than 335 points. The number of wideouts who have scored at least 299 fantasy points has increased in each of the past four years.

57. Over the past decade, there's only been one season with more 299-plus point wideouts (2018, when there were seven.)

58. Justin Jefferson led all receivers in 2022 with 368.7 fantasy points. Jefferson has scored more fantasy points than any other wideout in his first three NFL seasons (973.3). That record had been held by Randy Moss.

59. Jefferson led all receivers in fantasy points, but he didn't lead the position in points per game. That was Cooper Kupp, who averaged 22.4 points for the Rams. Kupp was on pace to score 380.5 points before he missed the final eight games.

60. Tyreek Hill left Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs offense for Miami last offseason, but he still posted career bests in catches, yards and fantasy points catching passes from Tua Tagovailoa, Teddy Bridgewater and even Skylar Thompson.

61. Hill's presence in the offense didn't diminish the value of Jaylen Waddle. Instead, Waddle finished with career highs in yards, touchdowns and fantasy points.

62. Hill and Waddle also finished first and second, respectively, among all wideouts in terms of big plays of 50-plus yards. Hill did it four times and Waddle three.

63. Davante Adams left the frozen tundra of Green Bay for the bright lights of Las Vegas. Despite the downgrade in quarterback, Adams still finished third in points at his position.

64. Amon-Ra St. Brown posted career bests in catches, yards, touchdowns and PPR points, finishing seventh in points at the position. His 196 combined catches are tied with Jefferson and Michael Thomas for the most for any wideout in his first two NFL seasons.

65. Ja'Marr Chase finished 11th in fantasy points among wide receivers, but he was fourth in terms of points-per-game average. Remember, he missed five games with an injured hip. Chase will be a top-five overall selection in 2023 drafts.

66. Amari Cooper finished 10th in PPR points despite playing in a run-based Browns offense and with a backup quarterback for most of the campaign.

67. Cooper averaged 16 points in 11 games with backup Jacoby Brissett under center. Over his final six games, all with Deshaun Watson, Cooper averaged just 11.6 points.

68. Christian Kirk signed a massive deal with the Jaguars last offseason and proceeded to produce career highs across the board (84 receptions, 1,108 yards, eight TDs) en route to a 241.9-point season and a WR12 finish.

69. You would think Kirk's draft value would be on the rise after a big season. Just keep in mind that the Jaguars also will have Calvin Ridley, who'll be just 28 this season and saw 143 targets in his last full campaign in Atlanta. Ridley was suspended for all of 2022 for violating the NFL's gambling policy.

70. Mike Evans recorded 1,124 receiving yards last season, making it nine straight years with 1,000-plus yards. That's an

NFL record. Unfortunately, Evans scored just six touchdowns — three coming in one game — after posting a combined 27 in the previous two years.

71. Deebo Samuel experienced an enormous decline in statistical success in 2022, seeing the majority of his numbers drop. Samuel also averaged 8.2 fewer points per game than he did during his breakout 2021 campaign.

72. Despite missing four games, Samuel led wide receivers with 15 broken tackles. It's the second straight season he's led his position in that category. CeeDee Lamb finished second behind Samuel in broken tackles for the second straight year.

73. DeAndre Hopkins played in just nine games in 2022 due to a suspension and injuries. Hopkins was productive when he did suit up, however, averaging 16.9 fantasy points, ninth at the position among players who played at least nine games.

74. Michael Thomas has missed all but 10 games in the past three years due to injuries. After scoring 374.6 points in 2019, Thomas has scored a combined 135 points since.

75. Diontae Johnson is coming off his worst fantasy season since his rookie year, averaging 10.6 fantasy points per game with the combination of Mitchell Trubisky and rookie Pickett. That's nearly seven points per contest fewer than he averaged in 2021 with Ben Roethlisberger.

76. Johnson did catch 86 passes, but he failed to score a touchdown. That's the most catches a wide receiver has had in a season without scoring during the Super Bowl era.

77. Allen Robinson II was arguably the biggest bust in fantasy football in 2021, and he was pretty bad last season, too. Robinson posted a meager 339 receiving yards and missed seven games due to injuries.

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78. Garrett Wilson started his rookie campaign slowly, averaging 10.2 points in his first seven games. Wilson was also 22nd in targets among wide receivers, averaging 7.4 per contest.

79. Wilson went off over his final 10 contests, however, posting 17-plus points five times and ranking as the WR14 in that time. Wilson was the highest-scoring skill-position rookie with 215.7 fantasy points.

80. Wilson's 215.7 fantasy points are also the most of any rookie wide receiver or running back in Jets history. The previous record of 197.4 points was set by Keyshawn Johnson in 1996.

81. The second-best rookie wideout based on fantasy points was Chris Olave, who scored 198.2 points and finished as the WR34 overall. While he had his ups and downs, Olave did score 15-plus points six times and recorded 1,042 yards.

82. Wilson and Olave were the lone rookie wideouts to score more than 190 points in 2022. Over the past decade, we've had two or fewer rookie wide receivers hit that mark seven times.

83. Christian Watson, another rookie wideout, finished 10th in fantasy points at the position over the final nine weeks of the season. He found the end zone seven times for the Packers in those eight games, three in Week 10 alone.

84. K.J. Osborn ranked eighth in points among wideouts during the fantasy playoffs with 27 targets, 20 catches, 233 yards and three TDs. With Adam Thielen gone, Osborn should be a bigger option in 2023 even with the Vikings' first-round selection of Jordan Addison.

Tight Ends

85. The tight end position was a complete nightmare to predict in 2022. In fact, 53 different players finished in the top 10 in fantasy points from Weeks 1-17, including the likes of Colby Parkinson, Brock Wright, Shane Zylstra, Josh Oliver and Mitchell Wilcox.

86. The top 10 tight ends based on fantasy points includes four players who had an ADP of 128.5 or lower, including Cole Kmet (ADP - TE14), Tyler Higbee (TE20), Evan Engram (TE24) and hybrid tight end/quarterback Taysom Hill (TE32).

87. Travis Kelce hauled in a career-best 110 catches and 1,338 yards (second most of his career) at the age of 33. Kelce holds the top three spots in terms of all-time receiving yards for tight ends at age 30 or older.

88. Kelce scored 316.3 points in 2022. It's the sixth time in the past seven seasons that he's been the top scorer at the position. Kelce scored 100.9 more points than the No. 2 tight end, Hockenson. That's the biggest gap in at least 31 years.

89. Kelce now ranks fourth all time in career fantasy points at the tight end position with 2,270. He is still 1,240.7 points behind the leader in this category, Tony Gonzalez.

90. If we use Kelce's career points per game average (15.8), which is the most all time, and multiply it by the number of games Gonzalez played (270), he will project to score 4,266 points. That would make him the NFL leader by 755.3 points.

91. Baltimore's Mark Andrews finished fourth in fantasy points among tight ends, scoring 190.5 points. That's 110.6 fewer points than the 301.1 he had during his breakout 2021 campaign.

92. Hockenson recorded the second-most points among tight ends, averaging a career-best 12.7 points in his 17 games. He averaged the fifth-most points in his first seven games with the Lions but ranked second following his midseason trade to Minnesota.

93. Hockenson played more snaps (987) and more snaps on passing downs (652) than any tight end in the league. Kelce was second in both categories. The player with the third-most snaps on passing downs was Tyler Conklin.

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94. George Kittle averaged 10.7 fantasy points over his first 10 games of the season with Trey Lance and Garoppolo at the helm. He scored just four touchdowns in that time.

95. Over his final five games, with Brock Purdy under center, Kittle averaged a league-high 18.7 points and scored seven touchdowns. Kittle was a fantasy postseason hero too, as he put up five TDs and averaged a bananas 22.5 fantasy points in Weeks 15-17.

96. Kyle Pitts was the third tight end selected on average in 2022 drafts, but he finished outside of the top 30 in points. While he did miss seven games with an injured knee, he had just 28 catches for 356 yards and two touchdowns beforehand.

97. Darren Waller was the fifth tight end drafted on average, but he finished just 31st at the position. He averaged a mere 9.4 points, which ranked 10th at the position. Waller has missed 14 games over the past two seasons, and his fantasy points totals have declined in three consecutive seasons.

98. Engram was the TE17 after 11 games. Over the final six weeks, the veteran averaged 7.7 targets and 16.1 points. His 96.3 points ranked second in that time behind Kittle. Engram finished his first year with the Jaguars with a career-best 176.9 points.

99. Fantasy managers looking for a potential sleeper next season should remember Chigoziem Okonkwo. Over the final six weeks of the year, the Titans tight end scored 10 fantasy points per game and ranked seventh at the position with 59.9 points.

DAVANTE **ADAMS**

RISE OF THE RECEIVERS

BY MICHAEL FABIANO

No one has been more of a running backs advocate over the past two-plus decades than yours truly. But as Yoda once said: "You must unlearn what you have learned." In this case, that means coming to your draft knowing that wide receivers are going to come off the board faster than ever before and that you can now wait on a running back.

Running backs have long been the lifeblood of fantasy football. In the early days of our great hobby, passing on a featured back also meant you likely were passing on a postseason berth. This isn't hyperbole, either; the numbers back up the assertion.

Historical data will show the importance placed on drafting running backs early and often. But we can see the trend shifting.

In the 1980s, the top six non-quarterback fantasy points producers in standard scoring leagues (PPR hadn't yet come into prominence) were all running backs. That list included Eric Dickerson, Walter Payton, Marcus Allen, Tony Dorsett, Roger Craig and O.J. Anderson. There were three wideouts — Steve Largent, James Lofton and Art Monk — but 70 percent of the "elite" players came from NFL backfields.

If we go even deeper, we'll find that 64 percent of the players in the top 36 (factoring in flex players in a 12-team league) in the decade were also tailbacks. Wideouts made up a mere 33 percent of the top 36 players. Eight of the 10 best single seasons in the '80s belonged to backs. Just one wide receiver — not surprisingly, the great Jerry Rice — broke into the top 10. He did it twice, first in 1986 and again in 1989.

Furthermore, 78 percent of the top 36 fantasy single seasons in the '80s came from backs. A mere 22 percent were from wideouts, and three of them came from Rice.

The 1980s came and went, but things didn't change in the 1990s. In fact, running backs became even more dominant in many respects. While the top 10 players of the entire decade included fewer backs (six compared to seven in the 1980s), the single-season totals were full of some of the greatest runners in fantasy history.

Believe it or not, just one of the top 20 single seasons based on standard scoring came from a wide receiver (Rice again, 1995). The other 19 were all RBs, including the likes of Terrell Davis, Emmitt Smith, Barry Sanders, Marshall Faulk, Thurman Thomas, Fred Taylor and Curtis Martin. If we look at the top 36, just 14 percent of the best single seasons came from receivers (three of them came from Rice).

You might call the 1990s the Golden Age of the Running Backs, as the position was maybe more talented than ever. It was also in the late '90s when we started to see an increase in the popularity of fantasy sports thanks to the emergence of the internet.

When we hit the 2000s, backs remained must-haves in the early rounds. The fantasy torch had been passed from Faulk and Sanders to stars such as Edgerrin James and LaDainian Tomlinson, but

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JERRY RICE AND RANDY MOSS WERE ONCE UNICORNS. NOT ANYMORE. MASSIVELY PRODUCTIVE WIDEOUTS LIKE DAVANTE ADAMS (LEFT) ARE NOW ASCENDANT AMONG THE FANTASY ELITE.

JA'MARR **CHASE**

the position remained dominant nonetheless. Six of the top 10 best players of the decade were again runners, and single-season supremacy by the position actually increased.

In fact, the top 21 fantasy seasons of the aughts came from running backs. Think about that! Not a single wideout was in the top 21. The best campaign from a wide receiver came from Randy Moss — an NFL-record 23 touchdown catches — in 2007, but the 13 next-best fantasy seasons were accomplished by running backs. In fact, Moss is the lone wideout to finish in the top 36 among non-quarterbacks in the entire decade. Even if we move on to PPR formats, just 25 percent of the top 36 single seasons came from wide receivers. Besides Moss, the only other wideouts included Marvin Harrison, Torry Holt, Steve Smith Sr., Hines Ward, Terrell Owens and Muhsin Muhammad.

Moving on to the 2010s, more and more fantasy fans were going away from the standard scoring formats and into leagues that also rewarded points for catches. That alone ignited the surge of wide receivers. While backs still did well in standard leagues, their dominance was no longer as pronounced.

Six of the top 10 players of the decade were still backs, but two of the top three were receivers (Antonio Brown, Julio Jones) in non-PPR formats. Runners also saw a decline in their mastery of fantasy football over the course of the decade, making up 42 percent of the 36 best single seasons in standard leagues. That's the lowest we found in this research. On the flip side, wideouts made up for 50 percent of the top 36.

That percentage rises to 64 percent in PPR formats, with just nine runners (25 percent) making the list. Also, four of the top five players were wideouts in PPR formats. That list includes Brown, Jones, Larry Fitzgerald and Demaryius Thomas. The lone back in the top five, LeSean McCoy, was a successful pass catcher and thus had added value in PPR formats. The same goes for Matt Forte, a star fantasy running back who ranked sixth in the decade. They were the lone two runners who finished in the top 12.

And with the NFL implementing new rules that better protected quarterbacks and made it tougher for defensive backs to defend, that created an unsurprising spike in wide receiver production. Unfortunately for running backs, those rules didn't benefit that position. What's more, we've also started to see an increase in the number of teams using backfield committees, which further hurt the value of the position.

Now, let's move on to the past three seasons, when we really start to see the power of PPR scoring and how it's affected draft strategy.

While running backs have remained valuable in standard scoring — holding seven of the top 10 places based on combined points since 2020 — wideouts hold 15 of the top 36 spots. That's just four fewer spots than runners (19), a gap that was much wider during the earlier decades.

In PPR formats, we've seen a similar story, but the gap is bigger. In fact, the top four players since 2020 are all wideouts. That list includes studs Davante Adams, Justin Jefferson, Tyreek Hill and Stefon Diggs. While we're still seeing plenty of backs with strong numbers (four in the top 10 and six in the top 12), wideouts now have the lead in top-20 players since 2020 (55 percent). By comparison, the backs make up 35 percent.

Besides rules changes and the NFL becoming more of a passing league, more rookie wide receivers also are coming in and making an immediate impact. That wasn't always the case, as fantasy fans would often wait two or three years for a receiver to make some noise. The trend includes some of the best players of all time at the position. Terrell Owens didn't have his first 1,000-yard season until his third year. Marvin Harrison's first monster fantasy campaign (1,663 yards, 12 touchdowns) came in his fourth season, and Calvin Johnson had a modest 756 yards and four touchdowns as a rookie.

Lately, that hasn't been the case. A number of rookie receivers have come right into the league and made their mark, which increases the number of great fantasy players at the position. Let's start off with Justin Jefferson, who amassed 1,400 yards, seven touchdowns and 274.2 fantasy points in his first season with the Minnesota Vikings. He finished sixth in points, and he's been

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even better over the past two years. Jefferson's reception, yardage and fantasy point totals have all increased in each of his first three seasons in the league.

Next up is another former LSU wide receiver, Ja'Marr Chase.

Chase recorded 304.6 fantasy points in his first year. That's the second-most PPR points scored all-time among rookie wideouts behind Moss (306.7). Chase's 1,455 receiving yards set a rookie record, and only Moss (18) had more touchdowns than Chase's 13. Chase followed up that season with 1,046 yards and nine touchdowns (in just 12 games), and he averaged more points (20.2) compared to his first campaign (17.6).

Jefferson and Chase aren't the lone youngsters to come in and light the fantasy world on fire, either. Jaylen Waddle caught 104 passes for 1,015 yards in his rookie season (2021), while Amon-Ra St. Brown — the 112th pick of the 2021 draft — had 90 catches for 912 yards, and CeeDee Lamb had 74 catches and 935 yards as a rookie in 2020. Last season, Garrett Wilson won the Offensive Rookie of the Year Award with his 83 catches and 1,103 yards. Chris Olave and Drake London also both scored more than 178 fantasy points in 2023.

In all, since 2020, seven of the top 10 non-quarterback rookies have been wide receivers. On the flip side, three running backs are in the top 10, seven are in the top 20 and 15 of the top 36 are runners. As you can see, the receivers are winning the battle.

This influx of talented wideouts has obviously been a big reason, and it's created a bigger discrepancy in PPR point totals between the two positions. The top five wideouts in the past three seasons have averaged 20.2 points per game, more than a full point more than the top runners (18.9). If we look at the top 36, we find that wide receivers have averaged a full point more than running backs overall.

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Individually, six receivers averaged more than 18 points per game compared to four backs in the top 36. We've also seen 16 receivers average 15-plus points compared to 12 backs in that same research. No matter how you cut it, wideouts are ruling the fantasy roost.

That influx of young talent has made receivers a younger position, too.

In 2022, six of the top 10 fantasy wideouts were 25 or younger, and only Adams (30) finished the season older than 29. Thirteen of the top 20 were under 27. If we extend out to the top 36, we find 24 receivers who were 26 or younger at the end of the season. Overall, the average age of the top 10 players at the position was 25.7 and the average of the top 36 was 24.9.

The running backs aren't ancient by any stretch, but they're a bit older.

The top 10 included just four players under 26, and the average age was 26. When we look at the top 36, the average age is 25.7, nearly a year older than the wideouts. The running back position is also seeing the decline of several one-time superstars.

Dalvin Cook averaged a career-low 4.4 yards per rush last season and is entering his age-28 campaign. Alvin Kamara's stock has fallen over the past two years without Drew Brees, and he's entering his age-28 season, too. Aaron Jones will be 29 at the end of the season, Cordarrelle Patterson is 32 and former superstars Ezekiel Elliott and Leonard Fournette are aging and have seen their skills (and production) decline.

Fantasy managers also must wonder when the floor will drop out from under Derrick Henry, who is entering his age-29 season and has had a ton of carries (1,249 in his past 55 regular-season games, to be exact). Several others, including Joe Mixon, Najee Harris and D'Andre Swift, experienced declines compared to their 2022 totals.

A number of these runners are also going to find themselves in committees, which will make starting them in fantasy leagues frustrating at times. Jones will lose work to AJ Dillon in Green Bay; the Saints added Jamaal Williams to pair with Kamara; Swift faces a timeshare in his new home in Philadelphia; and Dameon Pierce will have to deal with Devin Singletary in Houston. That's just a few of the shared backfields.

With all this data and the trends that have developed, it's clear that wide receivers have moved into that rarefied fantasy air and are on the same level as the backs. In fact, wideouts have passed the runners in many respects. That includes the No. 1 overall pick, which is no longer a lock to be a running back. This scenario has been an unusual one, too, as just one non-back has been the consensus top fantasy pick since 2014.

That player was Antonio Brown, who was the first of three wideouts (Julio Jones, Odell Beckham Jr.) in the top five based on average draft position data. David Johnson and Todd Gurley II were the top running backs, going third and fifth on average, respectively.

Brown will now have some company, though, as Jefferson has moved into the consensus top spot as the No. 1 overall fantasy selection in 2023. Early ADP data has him going ahead of Christian McCaffrey and Chase, and that's unlikely to change based on trends of the past last few decades (and in the past three seasons).

Jefferson is certainly worthy of the top spot, scoring the second-most PPR points behind Adams among non-quarterbacks since 2020. He has the third-most targets, the third-most catches and the most receiving yards, and he just turned 24 in June. Simply put, Jefferson and other wideouts such as Chase, Cooper Kupp and Lamb (to name a few) are safer draft picks among the top 12-15 than most of their RB counterparts.

Waiting to draft a running back doesn't mean you'll still be able to draft an elite back like McCaffrey, Austin Ekeler, Saquon Barkley or Jonathan Taylor, because you won't. What it does mean is that there will be better runners available in the third round and beyond, as the wideouts become the early-round focus. It might sound strange, but it's true.

The reality in our fantasy lives is that Jefferson, Chase, Kupp, Adams, Diggs, Lamb and other receivers are going to be picked more prominently than ever before, and you have to be fine with doing something that hasn't been done often in recent years — waiting a round or two (or maybe longer) to draft your running backs.

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HOW TO BET ON PRO FOOTBALL

YOUR GUIDE TO AN EXCITING SEASON OF NFL WAGERING

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With the rise of sports betting, more and more people will want to get in on the action. But where and how do you start?

If you're feeling overwhelmed by looking at a sportsbook's odds or by the jargon used in Las Vegas, this article is for you. In the pages that follow, we will look at terms like moneyline (ML), against the spread (ATS), straight up (SU), over/under (O/U), vig and what all those plus and minus signs really mean (spoiler alert: it's actually incredibly simple).

By the end of this primer, you'll be able to tell people whether you think "the juice is worth the squeeze."

First things first: Here are offerings for the NFC Championship game featuring the San Francisco 49ers vs. the Philadelphia Eagles. This is similar to what you will see when you visit any online sportsbook.

MONEYLINE: 49ERS (+120) | EAGLES (-143)
SPREAD: 49ERS +2.5 (-110) | EAGLES -2.5 (-110)
TOTAL: 46.5 OVER (-110) | UNDER (-110)

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Let's say you are a huge 49ers fan, and you want to place a bet on San Francisco to win this game. It doesn't matter if San Francisco wins by one point or wins by 14 points; you simply want to bet that the 49ers will win. If so, you'll want to take the 49ers to win straight up (SU). This kind of bet is called a moneyline (ML) bet. Easy, right?

Looking at the menu on the previous page, you will see the offering for ML bets on the top. They are simply listed with a + or - sign. The 49ers are +120 on the ML, while the Eagles are -143.

But hold up: What does that mean?

The plus and minus signs are shorthand to tell you what your payout will be if you win your bet.

If you see a minus sign next to your bet, your payout will be less than 100 percent of your initial investment if you win the bet. If you see a plus sign, your payout will be more than 100 percent of your initial investment.

The minus sign on an ML bet also indicates the team is favored. It makes sense, right? The sportsbook will not pay big dividends for betting on the favorite.

Conversely, the plus sign on an ML bet indicates the underdog. Sportsbooks are willing to pay out more for the less-likely outcome. In our example, the San Francisco 49ers are the underdog, and the payout will be more than what you initially invested should the 49ers win the game.

So, we are taking the 49ers on the ML at +120. According to the oddsmakers, this is a bet that you are less likely to win, so if the 49ers win, the sportsbook will pay you 1.20 times, or 120 percent of, your initial investment. If you put $100 on the 49ers to win, and they do, your profit will be $120, bringing your total payout to $220. So, $100 in and $220 out if the Niners win the game.

Now, let's say your college roommate is a Philadelphia Eagles fan. He is all-in on Jalen Hurts and the Eagles as the favorites and decides to invest his $100 for a -143 payout. Should Philadelphia win this game, his profit would be only $69.93, and the payout would be $169.93.

Once again, with 49ers +120 and Eagles -143:

As a 49ers fan, you can bet $100 for a potential $120 profit and $220 return.

The Eagles backer must bet $143 for a $100 profit and potential $243 return.

Also, bear this in mind: The Philadelphia fan will lose $143 if their team, the favorite, gets upset. You will only lose $100 if the 49ers, the underdogs, do not win the game. This is why it's often not worth the risk for the limited potential payout if a team is heavily favored.

In summary: Betting the team SU (straight up) is a type of ML (moneyline) bet. Your payout is indicated by the "price" represented by a plus or minus sign in the moneyline row of the above wagering menu.

+/- BETTING AGAINST THE SPREAD

Returning to our example, let's look at the middle option on the betting menu.

On the middle line, you see two + and - numbers. The number right next to the team name is what is called "the spread." The numbers next to that in parentheses is the rate being offered.

MONEYLINE: 49ERS (+120) | EAGLES (-143)
SPREAD: 49ERS +2.5 (-110) | EAGLES -2.5 (-110)
TOTAL: 46.5 OVER (-110) | UNDER (-110)

According to this menu, I can also take the 49ers against the spread (ATS) at +2.5 for the rate of -110.

So, what exactly what does "the spread" mean? Quite simply, the spread is a handicap that puts the two teams on an even playing field. In this case, you can add 2.5 points to the 49ers' final score to determine who wins.

For example: If the final score of the game is Eagles 30, 49ers 28, as far as the sportsbook is concerned, San Francisco actually scored 30.5 (28+2.5) to Philadelphia's 30, and San Francisco wins this game ATS.

Got it? Easy, right?

So, in that final score example, if you had bet $110 on the 49ers ATS, you would have made a $100 profit for a $210 total payout.

However, if you had bet the 49ers on the ML, you could not add the 2.5 handicap, and you would have lost your entire $100 investment.

Now you can see why ML bets are offered at far different rates than ATS spread bets (and O/U bets — see right). If an underdog wins on the ML, the payout is more significant because the outcome was considered less likely. When you bet ATS, there is no real underdog, as the teams are both handicapped to be even. The house profits by pocketing "the vig" and hopes to take an even amount of money on both sides of this bet.

So what does "the vig" mean? That's the term for the 10 percent "fee" that the sportsbooks charge. It's also sometimes called "the juice." Essentially, this is the commission the sportsbook charges to ensure their business makes some money. If bettors on either side of a bet each have to wager $110, then the sportsbook takes in $220 per pair but only has to pay out the winning side at $210. This ensures them a $10 profit per pair of opposing bets.

BETTING THE OVER/UNDER

Using our same example, you can see in the wagering menu that the expected points total for the game is 46.5. The bet offered here is simple. Do you think the total points scored in this game will be more or less than 46.5?

But, wait! Teams can't score half-points!

MONEYLINE:
49ERS (+120) | EAGLES (-143)

SPREAD:
49ERS +2.5 (-110) | EAGLES -2.5 (-110)

TOTAL:
46.5 OVER (-110) | UNDER (-110)

That's true, but this is the way that sportsbooks can ensure that at least one side wins. Imagine if they had set the points total and 56, and the game finished at exactly 56. No one would win, including the sportsbooks. That's called a push.

Next to the points total, you see another one of those triple-digit minus signs. As with the spread, both sides of the bet are offered at -110. This means that Vegas thinks this game could go either way: over or under 46.5. It's a coin flip, and you have 50/50 odds to win this bet.

Hold on, you're telling me that to win $100, I have to bet $110, no matter which side I choose? Yep, that's right, thanks to the vig.

So, being a 49ers fan, you think the Niners will control the ball on the ground, and you believe the top-ranked defense will also be able to limit the Eagles. You expect them to win this one, but without a lot of points being scored. You decide to take the under on the points total for this game and lay $110 for a potential $100 profit and a total payout of $210. Your college roommate feels much more optimistic about a high-scoring game. He is all in on Jalen Hurts and A.J. Brown having huge games and thinks the 49ers will have to throw the ball to try to catch up. He takes the over on the points total for the same odds. One of you will lose $110, one of you will win $100 and the sportsbook will pocket $10.

In summary: An over/under bet is simply a bet on whether you think the points in a game will be more or less than the listed total. These bets are generally, but not always, offered with a 10 percent vig and are a 50/50 proposition. Knowing how much "commission" you are paying is key to managing your bankroll.

There is a thrill in being part of the action, whether you bet the ML, ATS or O/U. I hope this primer helped make the process a little more accessible. There's a little skill and a lot of luck involved. Most importantly, remember that wagering should always be fun!

TEAM FOR A DAY

HOW TO PLAY DFS

DFS — or daily fantasy sports — is a great way to play fantasy football for cash or even for the thrill of having a new team just for the day.

This popular way to play offers rewards of up to one million dollars for a winning lineup, and its popularity doesn't seem to be waning.

So, what exactly is DFS, and how can you get in on the action? Let's break it down.

THE BASICS AND WHERE TO PLAY

There are a few popular sites for DFS, including FanDuel, DraftKings and even Yahoo! Each site has a different salary cap, but the idea is the same: Imagine you are the owner of a football team, and you have a budget from which you must assemble the best team possible — just for the day.

Players will be presented with their salaries, and you will fill out a roster that requires one QB, two RBs, three WRs, a TE, a D/ST and either a kicker or a flex, depending on the site.

Scoring will vary from site to site, but it's easiest to think of FanDuel as half-point PPR and DraftKings as full-point PPR. Always check the specific site for scoring details, as they do vary.

The goal is to score more points than your opponents. Simple enough, right?

CONTEST SELECTION/SLATES

So, now that you know how it works, let's talk about contest selection. There are two types of contests you can play: tournaments or cash.

GPP (grand prize pool) tournaments are the flashy ways to play that usually pull people into the site. You'll hear talk of the "milly-maker" where a winning lineup can take home a million dollars in any given week and often requires a mere $20 entry. Sounds pretty tempting for those of us who are good at fantasy football, doesn't it? But it's important to be aware that these contests have upwards of 200,000 entries. With that many entries, there will be a lot of duplicate lineups. Thirty percent of the prize pool goes to first place, which could be further divided if multiple lineups tie for the most points that day, and the rest is divided accordingly so that those who finish in the top 20 percent of the contest will get paid out. One lucky winner (or maybe a few lucky winners) will have a very big payday.

Cash games include head-to-head matchups, 50/50 pools and double-ups.

In head-to-head matchups, you are simply trying to have a higher score than a single opponent. If you win, you will take all the winnings (minus a small percentage referred to as the "rake" for the DFS site), and the opponent loses his investment.

In 50/50 pools, those who score in the top half of the pool all get paid out, but unlike a GPP, each player in the top 50 percent

gets paid the exact same amount. Again, there is a small "rake" for the DFS site, so in this case, your payout will be slightly less than twice the entry fee.

In double-ups or triple-ups, a smaller percentage of the player pool gets paid out, but those who finish in the percentage of the pool will either double or triple their investment, depending on the type of contest.

So, what's the difference?

As you can probably tell, in a GPP, you will be looking for max upside for all players. You will also be looking to have a unique lineup if at all possible to avoid splitting too much of your potential winnings. If it hits, you get paid — and big time.

In cash games, you either need only to beat one person, or you just need to finish toward the upper half of the pool. You don't need to aim for the top score overall. That leaves relatively good odds for you to make a small amount of money.

You've probably guessed by now that this could lead to different strategies when building a lineup.

PLAYER SELECTION: CONSIDER STACKING AND TELLING A STORY

If you opt to go for the gold and play in a GPP tournament, you will need to take on more risk when you are building your lineup, and you will need a lot of upside. You don't want to worry too much about the downside — just take a big swing. Most players do not enter a single lineup in a GPP; rather, they will enter multiple lineups — all with minor differences — hoping one will be the big winner.

One strategy often employed in GPP, though not exclusive to tournament play, is game stacking. Stacking players from a team that is expected to play well is often profitable. You can take hints from Vegas, too.

What do I mean?

Let's say the Chiefs are favored at home over the Bills by a mere -1.5, and the game total is expected to be 52.5. As soon as I see that line, I am thinking about a stack. Why?

I see that Vegas expects this game to be very high-scoring. That can only be good for my DFS team. I also see that the spread is only 1.5 points. That says to me that the lead could change in this game multiple times. Immediately, I am interested in both Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes. Now, I start to build a story.

I know that Patrick Mahomes loves Travis Kelce — who plays at a thin TE position — and I am going to have to pay up for that pair. For my flex spot, I want to consider another Chiefs receiver in this game since I think the ball will be in the air. I'll need to save some salary, so maybe I can pivot to Marquez Valdes-Scantling or Kadarius Toney and hope Mahomes finds them in the end zone. On the other side of this, it seems like Stefon Diggs will need to be involved if the Bills are going to keep up, so I am also going to spend up for a Bills WR. I'm choosing to spend down at the RB position based on how I think the game script will play out. One tip: Don't stack only one side of the game. If you believe the game will be high-scoring, you'll want players from both sides. Think of it as sending points back the other way — and you get to keep them all.

In my story, I could have also chosen to start Allen, Diggs and Gabriel Davis and send points back with Isiah Pacheco and Kelce instead. Both lineups have a chance to win, and I am likely to enter a few different options in the tournament based on how I think this game will play out.

You won't be able to fill out your lineup entirely with players from the same game, so you'll also want to add some high-upside players from another game to make your lineup more unique. Maybe it's even a random kicker. The relative value of a big individual performance isn't nearly as meaningful if the player is in a high percentage of your opponents' lineups (also referred to as "the chalk"), so don't be afraid to go contrarian with a player who has a low roster percentage.

Now, let's say you want to play a cash game. Stacking can still apply and still work well, but in a cash game, you are looking for more of a solid floor. If you stack a game and it goes sideways, you may wish you had just picked bell-cow running backs and wideouts that always get targets from across many NFL games, dividing your risk. In this case, you won't be too worried about how much a player is rostered. Again, a player who is heavily rostered is often referred to as "chalk." Chalk is often a good thing for your cash lineups because it represents a solid floor.

BANKROLL

The money you choose to invest this season in DFS is referred to as your bankroll. The most important thing to remember is that building your bankroll requires discipline. I'd recommend betting no more than 10 percent of your bankroll on any given contest as you slowly start to build your winnings. Playing mostly cash games, in which you have close to a 50 percent chance of winning, is the way to go for about 80 percent of your contests, while the other 20 percent could be invested in GPPs. Most importantly, don't ever bet your entire bankroll on one contest.

Cold streaks can happen, but remember: Slow and steady wins the race.

OTHER STRATEGIES AND TIPS

Remember, building a DFS lineup is a lineup for one day only. Matchups matter! Just because a player has a star name doesn't mean he will be the best for DFS that day. Use Vegas as your guide for hints as to which games may produce the most points.

Last year, Geno Smith was the fifth-highest-scoring QB for DFS. If you used him in Week 4 vs. the Lions last year, you got a huge bargain on his salary, and you could have spent up for the chalk play of Austin Ekeler vs. the Texans. Always look for favorable defensive matchups.

A couple more tips: Always look for players returning from injury whose salary may still be low, and check recent trends for who has been receiving more snaps and targets. These players could represent great value to help stay within your salary cap.

PLAYING THE ODDS

You Should Be Using Player Props as a Tool for Your Fantasy Drafts

Don't forget to check in with the sportsbooks before heading into your fantasy draft.

That's right; the oddsmakers can often help give a hint about which players will be values in your upcoming draft, as well as which players may be good first-round picks. All you have to do is check the futures.

A futures bet is exactly what it sounds like: a bet on a future outcome. Each preseason, sportsbooks offer an extensive menu of futures bets. These markets often are highly accurate; after all, a sportsbook is a business and needs to make money. So, if you aren't sure about a player's value, it's a good idea to see what the sportsbook is betting on — or hopes you are betting on — for the upcoming season.

Let's take, for example, what the sportsbooks offered last season for the Miami Dolphins receivers.

TYREEK HILL	JAYLEN WADDLE
1,025.5 receiving yards	925.5 receiving yards
8.5 receiving TDs	5.5 receiving TDs
80.5 receptions	85.5 receptions

When this was posted, I remember thinking: Can Tua Tagavailoa support two top-10 receivers? We knew the chemistry he had with Jaylen Waddle from the previous season, but would that disappear now that Tyreek Hill was in town? And as to Hill: Could he be successful without Patrick Mahomes?

As it turns out, both receivers were highly successful and actually exceeded most of these player props. The critical takeaway is that sportsbooks thought they could both be 1,000-yard receivers, but that Hill would be the alpha. They would both be valuable in drafts. I was doubtful they could put up big numbers, but the oddsmakers were right — the yards didn't favor one receiver significantly. Both players paid off handsomely for their draft-day value, and there was no need to worry about Waddle being completely overshadowed.

Let's go position-by-position and look at ways to help determine fantasy value based on markets at the sportsbook.

QUARTERBACKS

When looking at draft options, check each player's passing yards, touchdowns, and rushing yards futures markets.

Did you wonder if Josh Allen would continue to run? Sportsbooks offered rushing props for Allen of 500.5 rushing yards and 6.5 rushing TDs. He finished the season with 762 rushing yards and seven rushing TDs and was the fantasy QB2 for the season. These markets are especially important if you play in a league that awards six points for rushing TDs and only four for passing TDs.

Patrick Mahomes was the QB1 for the season, and he finished with an incredible 5,250 yards and 41 passing TDs. Oddsmakers seemed to agree that losing Tyreek Hill wouldn't affect his stats, as they set his passing yards prop all the way up at 4,650.5 yards and his TD prop at 34.5.

MVP futures (right) are also a good clue. Mahomes leads the field to take home MVP again in 2023.

PATRICK MAHOMES	+650
JOE BURROW	+700
JOSH ALLEN	+700
JUSTIN HERBERT	+1000
JALEN HURTS	+1100
TREVOR LAWRENCE	+1600
TUA TAGAVAILOA	+1600
LAMAR JACKSON	+1700
DAK PRESCOTT	+1800
JUSTIN FIELDS	+2000

RUNNING BACKS

Both TD props and rushing yards props are essential to look at when considering a running back. Not only do you want a lot of yards on the ground, but you also want a lot of goal-line carries.

Elliott finished with 876 yards and 12 TDs. I could tell from this prop that oddsmakers expected the load to be divided more with Tony Pollard last season, but that Zeke would remain the goal-line back. That turned out to be accurate, and he remained a decent value in standard leagues.

Here are Ezekiel Elliott's futures props from last year:
Rushing yards 875.5 | Rushing TDs 8.5

Consider also checking in on futures markets for who will lead the league in rushing yards, as well as where players are valued in the Offensive Player of the Year markets.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

Consider props for receptions, receiving yards, and TDs. In PPR leagues, last year's WR1, Justin Jefferson, finished with the most catches (128) and the most receiving yards (1,809). By contrast, Chris Godwin finished the season with only 1,023 yards (20th). However, Godwin had 104 catches, making him the fantasy WR6 in PPR leagues. With wideouts, you'll also want to check in on who has markets to lead the league in receiving yards and where players are valued for Offensive Player of the Year.

TAKEAWAYS

Oddsmakers certainly don't get it right all the time, and of course, injuries can ruin a player's results faster than any snap share or target share change, but sportsbooks are still an excellent guide for finding value. They've been doing this a long time, so why not lean on the experts for draft-day tips?

SUPER BOWL LVIII ODDS

The Kansas City Chiefs are the favorites to win Super Bowl LVIII, and oddsmakers are offering bettors a five-to-one payout for the team to run it back.

Despite trading away Patrick Mahomes' best weapon in WR Tyreek Hill before the 2022 season, Mahomes logged 5,250 passing yards and 41 passing TDs on his way to regular-season and Super Bowl MVP awards. Even hobbled with a high-ankle sprain, Mahomes was able to connect with TE Travis Kelce and any number of receivers, and the defense was able to keep Philadelphia at bay as Andy Reid outcoached Nick Sirianni for the win. It's hard to repeat as Super Bowl champion, but it may be harder to fade Patrick Mahomes, who has taken his team to the big game three out of the past four years, winning twice.

The next best odds belong to the team the Chiefs defeated 35-28 in Super Bowl LVII, the Philadelphia Eagles (+750). The Eagles are a young team that will be hard to stop with a franchise QB already breaking records. They have A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith set for this season, and they just cleaned up at the NFL Draft, adding key pieces to their defense. Though Miles Sanders left in free agency, the Eagles signed Rashaad Penny and traded for D'Andre Swift, adding to a running back room that already boasts Kenneth Gainwell, Boston Scott and Trey Sermon. Though the Eagles lost offensive coordinator Shane Steichen to the Colts, Sirianni remains, and the Eagles' aggressive playing style will remain hard for defenses to solve.

Will it be Brock Purdy or Trey Lance under center for San Francisco? Maybe it doesn't matter, as after acquiring Christian McCaffrey, Kyle Shanahan's team looked unstoppable no matter who was at quarterback. It took losing four QBs for the Niners to finally fall in the NFC Championship game. The loss of defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans to Houston Texans head-coaching job should be considered, though, as the top-ranked San Francisco defense was a big part of the 49ers' success last season.

Up next are the Buffalo Bills (+900), who opened as favorites this time last year. QB Josh Allen is one of the best young talents in the league, and the onus is on Buffalo to get this done. We know Allen can beat Mahomes; he's done so in two of their last three matchups.

The Bengals round out the top of the list at +1000. Cincinnati has been in the AFC Championship game both years with Joe Burrow at QB, and the defense ranked in the top six last season. Plus, Burrow is 3-1 vs. Mahomes.

It's hard to pass on the Jets, who opened at +2200 the morning after Super Bowl LVII but at press time owned +1400 odds with Aaron Rodgers in New York.

The Chargers (+2800), who hired new OC Kellen Moore, present good value — especially after adding more depth with Quentin Johnston at wide receiver. The Jaguars, who also have a young franchise QB who could make more strides next season, also look tempting at +2500, especially with Calvin Ridley returning from his suspension.

Finally, the Seahawks at +3000 look tempting after Geno Smith's Comeback Player of the Year performance in 2022. Seattle recently added top receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba in the NFL Draft and bolstered their running back room with Zach Charbonnet.

HERE ARE THE CURRENT ODDS FOR SUPER BOWL LVIII

CHIEFS	+500
EAGLES	+750
49ERS	+800
BILLS	+900
BENGALS	+1000
COWBOYS	+1400
JETS	+1400
LIONS	+1900
DOLPHINS	+2000
JAGUARS	+2500
RAVENS	+2500
CHARGERS	+2800
SEAHAWKS	+3000
BROWNS	+3500
SAINTS	+3500
BRONCOS	+4000
VIKINGS	+4500
BEARS	+5000
GIANTS	+5000
STEELERS	+5000
PATRIOTS	+6000
COMMANDERS	+6500
PACKERS	+6500
RAIDERS	+6500
RAMS	+6500
FALCONS	+7000
BUCCANEERS	+7500
PANTHERS	+7500
TITANS	+8000
CARDINALS	+20000
COLTS	+10000
TEXANS	+20000

NFL MVP ODDS

By Jennifer Piacenti

JOSH ALLEN

Patrick Mahomes is entering his seventh NFL season and he already has been named NFL MVP twice. Can he make it a third in 2023? The oddsmakers list him an early favorite in a crowded field of young quarterbacks.

Mahomes would join an exclusive club. Only seven players in NFL history have won three or more MVP awards: Peyton Manning (five), Aaron Rodgers (four) and Tom Brady, Brett Favre, Johnny Unitas, Jim Brown and Otto Graham (three apiece).

The odds certainly are in his favor. Now more than ever, the MVP has become a quarterback's award to lose. In fact, a passer has won it in 10 consecutive seasons, with Rodgers winning the honor three times during that stretch.

The last time a non-quarterback won the award was running back Adrian Peterson during his 2,097-yard campaign in 2012. The last defensive player to be named MVP? Lawrence Taylor way back in 1986. And it's no surprise that defensive players are missing among this season's top betting favorites.

The AFC, which is loaded with quarterback talent, boasts four of the top five candidates for the award, according to SI Sportsbook. The odds as of press time are listed in the chart below.

Josh Allen, Joe Burrow and Mahomes share +700 odds to take home the honor this season. Allen and Burrow finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 2022 MVP voting, with Mahomes winning it after passing for 5,250 yards and 41 touchdowns. Burrow and Allen, both of whom had 35 touchdowns in the 2022 season, have the weapons and experience to compete again with Mahomes this season.

The Chargers' Justin Herbert (+1000) only looks better after the NFL Draft landed him another playmaker in TCU's Quentin Johnson, but it's interesting that he has better early odds than Jalen Hurts.

Hurts (+1200) finished second in MVP voting in 2022, and his passer rating (101.5) was fifth best in the league among starters with more than nine games played. Mahomes ranked third (105.2) and Burrow ranked sixth (100.8). The Eagles quarterback passed for 3,701yards last season with 22 passing touchdowns. But what's more impressive is what he did on the ground. Hurts led all NFL quarterbacks with a whopping 13 rushing scores. The only player with more was running back Jamaal Williams (17). Austin Ekeler and Derrick Henry also rushed for 13 touchdowns, but Ekeler and Henry both played more games than Hurts, who missed two starts last season due to a sprained sternoclavicular (SC) joint.

Trevor Lawrence, Rodgers, Dak Prescott, Lamar Jackson and Tua Tagovailoa share +1600 odds for MVP. Of these players, only Jackson and Rodgers have taken home the honor before. Rodgers will be looking for a record-tying fifth award, but this time with the Jets. It would be foolish to count him out.

The first non-quarterback listed on the MVP odds is Justin Jefferson, who sits tied for 25th with odds of +6600. The Vikings wide receiver was named the 2022 NFL Offensive Player of the Year.

Only two rookies, Bryce Young and C.J. Stroud, made the list of potential MVP candidates. The No. 1 and No. 2 overall picks this year check in with odds of +15000. No rookie has won the award since Hall of Fame legend Brown accomplished the feat in 1957.

2023 NFL MVP ODDS

JOSH ALLEN	+700	KENNY PICKETT	+4000
JOE BURROW	+700	JARED GOFF	+4000
PATRICK MAHOMES	+700	RUSSELL WILSON	+4000
JUSTIN HERBERT	+1000	DANIEL JONES	+5000
JALEN HURTS	+1200	KIRK COUSINS	+5000
TREVOR LAWRENCE	+1600	KYLER MURRAY	+5000
AARON RODGERS	+1600	DEREK CARR	+5000
LAMAR JACKSON	+1600	JORDAN LOVE	+5000
DAK PRESCOTT	+1600	MATTHEW STAFFORD	+5000
TUA TAGOVAILOA	+1600	JIMMY GAROPPOLO	+6600
DESHAUN WATSON	+2500	JUSTIN JEFFERSON	+6600
JUSTIN FIELDS	+2500	MAC JONES	+6600
BROCK PURDY	+3000	JA'MARR CHASE	+10000
TREY LANCE	+3300	BRYCE YOUNG	+15000
GENO SMITH	+3300	CJ STROUD	+15000

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR ODDS

By Michael Fabiano

We now have a clearer look at how rosters and depth charts will look as we get closer to the start of training camps. So it's time to take a look at some of the more popular future award player props for the upcoming season, including the favorites for the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year honor.

Last season, Justin Jefferson took home the crown after his 128-catch, 1,809-yard, eight-touchdown campaign with the Minnesota Vikings. He became the third wideout to win the award in the past five years, as Cooper Kupp (2021) and Michael Thomas (2019) won it in previous seasons. That leads me to my first trend pertaining to the Offensive Player of the Year Award winners, and it has to do with wideouts.

Since the dawn of the award in 1972, only one other receiver has won the award besides Jefferson, Kupp and Thomas. Unsurprisingly, that's Jerry Rice. He did it twice, in 1987 and 1993. So, even though three wide receivers have won the award in the past four years, just 10 percent of the overall winners have played the wideout position.

We've also never seen a receiver win the award in back-to-back seasons, which is no bombshell since so few have ever won it. If you still prefer Jefferson, the co-favorite to win the award again, keep this fact in mind: There are just two players who have won it in back-to-back-seasons (both running backs, and they both won it three years in a row): Hall of Famers Earl Campbell (1978-1980) and Marshall Faulk (1999-2001).

2023 OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR ODDS

JUSTIN JEFFERSON	+1000
JA'MARR CHASE	+1000
CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY	+1000
AUSTIN EKELER	+1500
JONATHAN TAYLOR	+2000
DERRICK HENRY	+2000
DAVANTE ADAMS	+2000
DEEBO SAMUEL	+2000
COOPER KUPP	+2000
TYREEK HILL	+2000
STEFON DIGGS	+2000

JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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Historically, quarterbacks (40 percent) and running backs (52 percent) have been the most likely skill positions to win the award. But as the NFL shifts more and more to a passing league, it's the wide receivers who have been the honorees. This year's odds mirror that, as Jefferson (+1000) and Ja'Marr Chase (+1000) are among the three players favored to win in 2023.

What's more, seven of the 11 players at +2000 or better odds to win are receivers. The top running backs are Christian McCaffrey, Austin Ekeler, Jonathan Taylor and Derrick Henry. If you're looking for some options with more attractive plus-money totals, Patrick Mahomes, Josh Allen and Joe Burrow are at +2500. Mahomes won the award in 2018 and is the lone quarterback winner in the past last six years.

If the recent wide receiver trend continues, you might want to consider A.J. Brown or CeeDee Lamb, who at +5000 have the same odds as Christian Watson and Terry McLaurin. If you're thinking of going with a rookie, such as Bijan Robinson (who is the favorite to win Offensive Rookie of the Year), you might want to think again. Just one first-year player has even won the OPOTY award (Campbell, 1978).

Tight ends have never won the award, not even the greats like Tony Gonzalez, Shannon Sharpe or Travis Kelce, so don't expect a winner from that position.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR ODDS

By Jennifer Piacenti

Cowboys linebacker Micah Parsons has been an absolute force in his two NFL seasons: 26.5 sacks, 33 tackles for a loss, 56 quarterback hits … and two runner-up finishes in the NFL Defensive Player of the Year voting,

In Year 3, oddsmakers like Parsons' chances to finally take home the honor. He's the preseason betting favorite, leading the field at +650.

Parsons earned Defensive Rookie of the Year honors in 2021 and then followed that up with a strong '22 season in which he forced three fumbles and posted 13.5 sacks. The two-time Pro Bowler reportedly is putting on extra muscle in the offseason to line up at edge. Could there be even more sacks in his future? Parsons finished second in last year's voting behind Nick Bosa of the 49ers, who led the NFL with 18.5 sacks.

Bosa enters this season at +900. Can he earn the honor in back-to-back years? It has been done three times before — both J.J. Watt and Aaron Donald have won the award in consecutive seasons within the past nine years. Lawrence Taylor also went back-to-back in 1981 and '82.

Myles Garrett has the second-best odds at +650 and is arguably the best athlete in the league. His 16 sacks in 2021 were tied for second in the NFL.

Despite so many edge players having good odds, only four true edge players have won the award in the past 14 years, and the NFL's sack leader has won the award only four times in the past 10 years.

Sauce Gardner, who won Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2022, has the best odds among cornerbacks (+1200) to take home the award. Stephon Gilmore was the last cornerback to win the award (2019) and the only corner to win in the past 13 seasons. Before that, Charles Woodson was the last corner to take home the award in 2009.

Donald at +1800 could be the best value on the board. The defensive tackle will be 32 when the season starts, but he's won the award in three of the past six seasons. Don't count him out for a fourth — especially with that handsome payout.

2023 DEFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR ODDS

MICAH PARSONS	+600
MYLES GARRETT	+650
T.J. WATT	+700
NICK BOSA	+900
SAUCE GARDNER	+1200
MAXX CROSBY	+1400
BRIAN BURNS	+1800
AARON DONALD	+1800
AIDAN HUTCHINSON	+2500
HAASON REDDICK	+2500
QUINNEN WILLIAMS	+2500
CHRIS JONES	+3000
RASHAN GARY	+3300
FRED WARNER	+3300
PAT SURTAIN II	+4000
ROQUAN SMITH	+4000
CHASE YOUNG	+4000
JOEY BOSA	+5000
MATT JUDON	+5000
KAYVON THIBODEAUX	+5000
VON MILLER	+5000

MICAH PARSONS

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OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ODDS

By Michael Fabiano

It's time for fans of futures to start looking at which players are most likely to win Offensive Rookie of the Year. First, let's take a walk down memory lane and see which first-year stars have earned the award in the past 10 years to discern a few trends that can help us make a better wager.

During that time frame, three quarterbacks have earned the honor: Justin Herbert (2020), Kyler Murray (2019) and Dak Prescott (2016). Running backs have won the award four times — Saquon Barkley (2018), Alvin Kamara (2017), Todd Gurley (2015) and Eddie Lacy (2013). The remaining trio are wideouts: Garrett Wilson (2022), Ja'Marr Chase (2021) and Odell Beckham Jr. (2014).

Each of the past five winners was drafted in the first round, so wagerers should take that into consideration. Overall, seven of the past 10 were Round 1 selections. The lone exceptions are Prescott (Round 4), Kamara (Round 3) and Lacy (Round 2).

Unlike the NFL MVP award in recent years, this award isn't dominated by quarterbacks — wideouts have won it in both of the past two seasons. Since 2000, running backs have earned the honor nine times. And the favorite for 2023 Offensive Rookie of the Year is Falcons running back Bijan Robinson, who comes in at +300 over at SI Sportsbook. That's no surprise, as he's been described as the most talented running back to come out of college since Barkley. He was also a first-rounder, so he checks all the boxes.

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BIJAN ROBINSON	+300
BRYCE YOUNG	+450
C.J. STROUD	+700
ANTHONY RICHARDSON	+750
JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA	+800
JAHMYR GIBBS	+1100
JORDAN ADDISON	+1400
QUENTIN JOHNSTON	+1800
ZAY FLOWERS	+2000
WILL LEVIS	+2000

If you're looking for some options who come with more attractive plus money totals, Minnesota receiver Jordan Addison might be your man. Playing alongside Justin Jefferson will keep him from seeing double teams, and the Vikings' passing attack should have plenty of targets available with both Adam Thielen and Irv Smith Jr. no longer on the roster.

The downside? Well, there has never been a three-year run in the league's history where a wideout has won the award. Before Wilson and Chase did it, Louis Lipps and Eddie Brown were the only other receivers to win the award in back-to-back years (1984-85). Also, no tight end has ever won the award, so wagering on Dalton Kincaid (+4000) or Michael Mayer (+5000) is like flushing your hard-earned money down the toilet.

Like running backs, quarterbacks also have won the award nine times since 2000. I don't like any of the top three field generals to make it 10 winners since the turn of the century, but Bryce Young (+450), C.J. Stroud (+700) and Anthony Richardson (+750) rank second, third and fourth, respectively, in terms of the best overall odds to win the award.

BIJAN ROBINSON

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DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ODDS

By Jennifer Piacenti

Early futures picks for the Defensive Rookie of the Year award show the level of talent entering the league.

Last year's winner, Sauce Gardner, opened at +1000 to win DROY. We recommended that pick and hope you enjoyed the 10-to-1 payout. There is another cornerback at +1000 odds to open the season, and a cornerback has taken home the award three times in the past 10 years, but oddsmakers have four edge defenders among the favorites.

Let's take a closer look.

Houston's Will Anderson Jr. was the favorite exiting the draft at +350. The Houston Texans traded up to nab Anderson with the third overall pick, indicating that new head coach DeMeco Ryans sees an immediate need for the star edge rusher out of Alabama. Houston's defense can only get better. Anderson, who racked up 207 pressures in three years at Alabama, will be in a position to make an instant impact for the Texans.

Jalen Carter (+800) went to the Eagles at No. 9, despite a few red flags. It's those red flags that could earn you some value here at 8-to-1 odds. If the Eagles are correct and Carter's issues are behind him, the Georgia defensive tackle who racked up 32 total pressures from 273 pass-rushing snaps for Georgia in 2022 could be a difference-maker for an Eagles team that is the favorite to win the NFC East.

Also coming in at +800 is Raiders edge rusher Tyree Wilson, the seventh pick in Round 1. The Texas Tech product will get to chase around fellow Red Raider alum Patrick Mahomes twice a year.

Cornerback Christian Gonzalez (+1000) fell to the Patriots at pick 17 despite being the top cornerback on many boards. Lukas Van Ness (+1200) will be the new edge defender for the Packers and was selected at pick 13. Emmanuel Forbes (+1400) joins the Commanders after a three-year career at Mississippi State with 14 interceptions (including an FBS-record six pick-6s) and 34 pass breakups. Nolan Smith (+1600) was the 30th pick to the Eagles and could be undersized as an edge defender in the NFL (he'll also have to compete with teammate Carter for the award).

WILL ANDERSON JR.

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2023 DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ODDS

WILL ANDERSON JR.	+350
JALEN CARTER	+800
TYREE WILSON	+800
CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ	+1000
LUKAS VAN NESS	+1200
EMMANUEL FORBES	+1400
NOLAN SMITH	+1600
WILL MCDONALD IV	+2000
MILES MURPHY	+2000
JOEY PORTER JR.	+2000
JACK CAMPBELL	+2000
FELIX ANUDIKE-UZOMAH	+2000
DREW SANDERS	+2000
DEONTE BANKS	+2000
BRIAN BRANCH	+2000

MIRACLE MAN

Damar Hamlin is an Overwhelming Favorite to Capture Comeback Player of the Year

By Kyle Wood

Months after he collapsed on the field and went into cardiac arrest during a Week 17 Monday Night Football game, Bills safety Damar Hamlin was cleared to return to football. And now, Hamlin, who became a household name during his recovery, is the favorite to win the 2023 Comeback Player of the Year award.

The previous five winners have all been quarterbacks, though not all comebacks were from injury.

Geno Smith won in 2022 for taking the Seahawks to the playoffs and earning a Pro Bowl nod after spending six years as a backup. The award went to Joe Burrow in 2021 after he led the Bengals to the postseason coming off an ACL tear that cut his rookie season short. Alex Smith won it in 2020 for his improbable return to football following a gruesome leg injury that caused him to miss all of 2019. Ryan Tannehill earned the hardware after he took over the Titans' starting job midway through the 2019 season, led the team to the playoffs and made the Pro Bowl in the process. And Andrew Luck, who missed the entire 2017 campaign due to shoulder surgery, came back in 2018, brought the Colts back to the playoffs and took home the trophy.

After Hamlin, who's an overwhelming favorite to earn the honor at -650, there's an eight-way tie for the second-best odds at +2500 between Jaguars receiver Calvin Ridley, Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford, Broncos quarterback Russell Wilson, 49ers quarterback Trey Lance, Raiders quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, free agent quarterback Carson Wentz and Rams receiver Cooper Kupp. Chargers receiver Keenan Allen, who won the award in 2017 for his comeback from an ACL tear, is tied for the 10th-best odds at +2800 with his teammate and fellow receiver Mike Williams.

DAMAR HAMLIN

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2023 COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR ODDS

DAMAR HAMLIN	-650
CALVIN RIDLEY	+2500
MATTHEW STAFFORD	+2500
RUSSELL WILSON	+2500
TREY LANCE	+2500
JIMMY GAROPPOLO	+2500
LAMAR JACKSON	+2500
CARSON WENTZ	+2500
COOPER KUPP	+2500
KEENAN ALLEN	+2800
MIKE WILLIAMS	+2800

Stafford, Lance, Garoppolo, Jackson, Kupp, Allen and Williams all fit the bill of injury-related comebacks — each player missed four or more games last season, and Lance played in just two games. Wilson's case would have more to do with a return to form after his first year in Denver was the worst of his career. New Broncos head coach Sean Payton could help with that.

The situation for Wentz, who remains unsigned, is a bit of a combination of the two. He missed time due to a broken finger on his throwing hand but was also benched in Washington for Taylor Heinicke in the midst of a down year. He was subsequently released in February.

Ridley's case is unique: He missed the entirety of the 2022 season due to a suspension for violating the league's gambling policies. Ridley also stepped away from football in 2021 after five games with the Falcons to focus on his mental well-being. He was traded to the Jaguars in November while he was still suspended and was reinstated in March.

And then there's Hamlin, the odds-on favorite. He made 13 starts in his second season for one of the better secondaries in the NFL. Just the fact that he'll be on a field again is miraculous in its own right.

"This was a life-changing event, but it's not the end of my story," Hamlin said at a press conference in April. "I plan on making a comeback to the NFL."

Hamlin could become the first defensive back — and first defensive player, period — to win Comeback Player of the Year since Eric Berry in 2015 after Berry's return from Hodgkin's lymphoma.

LIONS LEADER, COY FAVORITE

Dan Campbell Is the Oddsmakers' Pick to Win Coach of the Year

By Kyle Wood

The past 10 NFL Coach of the Year winners have either led their team to the top seed in their conference or put an end to a multiyear playoff drought.

First-year coaches have earned the honor in four of the past six seasons, such as Brian Daboll in 2022 and Kevin Stefanski in 2020. Since 2000, three coaches have won it more than once: Bill Belichick earned it three times (2003, '07 and '10), while Ron Rivera (2013, '15) and Bruce Arians (2012, '14) were honored twice. Arians did it with two different franchises (Indianapolis, Arizona).

Quite simply, the biggest requirement for the award is appreciable year-over-year improvement. New York more than doubled its win total from four to nine with Daboll at the helm last season. In John Harbaugh's case in 2019, the Ravens jumped from 10 wins, good enough to win the division, to 14, the best record in the league.

Lions head coach Dan Campbell, who's going into his third full season in Detroit and earned one first-place vote for the award a season ago, is the betting favorite at +850 to win Coach of the Year in 2023. New Broncos head coach Sean Payton has the next-best odds at +900. The Bears' Matt Eberflus and the Jets' Robert Saleh are tied at +1200, and Panthers head coach Frank Reich is fifth at +1800.

None of those teams made the playoffs in 2022, and there's reason to believe each could take a step forward and potentially end its postseason dry spell.

2023 COACH OF THE YEAR ODDS

DAN CAMPBELL	+850
SEAN PAYTON	+900
MATT EBERFLUS	+1200
ROBERT SALEH	+1200
FRANK REICH	+1800
DEMECO RYANS	+2000
MIKE TOMLIN	+2200
MIKE MCDANIEL	+2200
KEVIN STEFANSKI	+2200
DOUG PEDERSON	+2200
DENNIS ALLEN	+2200
ZAC TAYLOR	+2200
SHANE STEICHEN	+2200

Campbell took the Lions from 3-13-1 in his first season to 9-8 in the span of a year and just barely missed the playoffs. Detroit, which hasn't qualified for the postseason since 2016, made key additions to its defense, specifically the secondary, this offseason and added two first-round picks in running back Jahmyr Gibbs and linebacker Jack Campbell. With Aaron Rodgers out of the division, the Lions could challenge the Vikings for the top spot in the NFC North.

Payton was brought in by the Broncos to right the ship after a disastrous 5-12 season in Russell Wilson's first year with the team. There's nowhere for Denver to go but up after its offense finished last in the league in scoring. Payton has his work cut out for him, though, in a division with the Chiefs and Chargers that's part of a loaded AFC.

Chicago finished with the worst record in the NFL (3-14) in Eberflus' first season but seemingly unlocked quarterback Justin Fields' potential as the year went on. The front office traded the No. 1 overall pick for a massive package that included star receiver DJ Moore, then drafted offensive tackle Darnell Wright to build around the third-year quarterback. It would take quite the turnaround for the Bears to vie for a playoff spot this quickly, but they are on the right track.

The Jets went 4-13 in Saleh's first year at the helm and 7-10 last season. The offseason trade for Rodgers made the Jets, who at 12 years have the longest active playoff drought in North American pro sports, a prime contender to return to the postseason — even in a division with the Bills and Dolphins.

At 7-10, Carolina nearly won the NFC South in the same season it fired head coach Matt Rhule. Now, Reich and his newly assembled coaching staff are competing in a wide-open division armed with the No. 1 pick, quarterback Bryce Young. A one- or two-win bump could be enough for the Panthers to secure the division title for the first time since 2015.

Campbell, the betting favorite, has the Lions favored to win their division for the first time since 1993. Saleh's Jets could also be headed back to the postseason as well, and ending that drought in New York could go a long way — it did for Daboll. It's a deep field full of capable contenders that also includes names like Dolphins head coach Mike McDaniel, who's heading into his second season in Miami after making a playoff appearance in Year 1.

NFL BETTING TRENDS
OVER/UNDER SUPERLATIVES

By Kyle Wood

KIRK COUSINS

Just three seasons ago, NFL scoring was at an all-time high. Teams averaged 24.8 points per game in 2020, the most in league history. Last season, however, that number suddenly dropped to 21.9, the lowest since 2017.

There were still teams who were capable of consistently smashing the over, but the under cashed in the vast majority of games. The Vikings finished with the highest over rate in the league for the second year in a row, though this time their string of shootouts resulted in a playoff bid. Some teams whose games hit the under at a high rate experienced success, such as the Buccaneers and Ravens, but most missed out on the postseason.

Let's take a look at the five teams whose games hit the over the most often last season, and the same for the teams who favor the under. With repeat performers like Minnesota and Denver, this information could be informative for bettors come September.

TEAMS WHOSE GAMES HIT THE OVER MOST OFTEN

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Over/Under Record: 11-6

The Vikings had the eighth-highest-scoring offense (24.9 points per game), and only two defenses allowed more points (25.1 ppg) in 2022, a perfect storm for plenty of points. Seven out of nine games Minnesota played at U.S. Bank Stadium — a dome — hit the over, the highest rate in the league. The Vikings' highest over/under of the season was set at 51.5 in the two matchups with the Lions, and the over cashed both times. Minnesota's lowest over/under was 42 against the Saints and Patriots; the over hit with ease in each contest.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Over/Under Record: 10-7

Even though the NFC champs had a top-10 scoring defense that held opponents to 20.2 points per game, their offense finished third in scoring at 28.1 points per game and saw to it that the over still hit at a high rate. The over was more frequent at Lincoln Financial Field (6-3) than on the road (4-4) for Philadelphia. The highest regular-season point total for an Eagles game was set at 49.5 in a game against the Vikings, but that turned out to be one of their lowest-scoring games of the year (a 24-7 victory).

CHICAGO BEARS

Over/Under Record: 10-7

The Bears' offense was well below league average last season, scoring just 19.2 points per game, which ranked in the bottom third of the NFL. Their defense was even worse. Chicago yielded 27.2 points per game to its opponents, the most in the league. The Bears had their fair share of low-scoring games (like a 12-7 loss to the Commanders) that finished well under the 38.5-point over/under, but they also went on a run of seven consecutive overs in the middle of the season. Their Week 8 game against the Cowboys — a 49-29 loss — was one of the highest-scoring games of the season.

DETROIT LIONS

Over/Under Record: 10-7

The Lions were the only team in the league to finish in the top five in scoring and bottom five in points allowed. Detroit's 26.6 points per game were good for fifth most, but the defense surrendered 25.1 points on average, which tied for third worst. Six of the team's games had point totals set at 50 or

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higher, and the over still hit in four of them. It should come as no surprise that the Lions were involved in the highest-scoring game of the season and one of the highest-scoring games ever: Their 48-45 shootout loss to the Seahawks smashed the over/under of 48.5 points, and the 93 combined points tied for the 16th-most scored in NFL history.

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Over/Under Record: 8-7-2

Cardinals games hit the over more often than not in 2022. Arizona's offense finished 21st in scoring at an even 20 points per game, and the defense allowed 26.4 points per game, second most in the NFL. The over/under for the Cards' season opener against the Chiefs was set at 54 points, which was easily cleared in a 44-21 defeat. It would be six weeks before the over hit again in a Week 7 game against the Saints — a 42-34 win, which went over the set 44-point total and began a run of five straight overs for the Cardinals.

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TEAMS WHOSE GAMES HIT THE UNDER MOST OFTEN

TENNESSEE TITANS

Over/Under Record: 5-12

Titans games often devolved into slogfests last year. Their offense averaged 17.5 points per game, 28th in the NFL, while the defense finished just inside in the top half of the league, yielding 21.1 points on average. Most of Tennessee's games that did hit the over were in large part due to their opponent running up the score. The Titans won only one of the five games in which the over hit; they lost the other four by at least two scores. Tennessee had four games with the over/under set below 40 points — the lowest was set at 34 points in a contest with the Texans — and the under hit each time.

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Over/Under Record: 5-12

The under hit frequently for the Ravens a season ago. Their offense finished 19th in scoring at 20.6 points per game, while their suffocating defense allowed just 18.5 points per game, the third-best mark in football. And after quarterback Lamar Jackson went down in Week 12, the under hit in four of the final five games, all of which were set below 40 points. Fewer than 20 total points were scored in three separate Baltimore games in a five-week span: a 13-3 win over the Panthers, a 13-3 loss to the Browns and a 10-9 win against the Broncos. The Ravens did participate in a few high-scoring contests, including a 42-38 loss to the Dolphins that went well over the 43.5-point total, but most of their games featured fewer points scored than expected.

NEW YORK JETS

Over/Under Record: 5-12

The Jets were among the NFL's worst offenses and best defenses in 2022. They scored just 17.4 points per game and allowed 18.6 points on average, both of which were fourth fewest. The over hit three times in New York's first five games, but the under cashed 10 times over the next 12. That stretch included five consecutive unders to end the season. There were fewer than 20 total points scored twice: a 10-3 loss to the Patriots and an 11-6 defeat against the Dolphins.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

Over/Under Record: 5-11-1

The Commanders finished with a top-10 defense and a bottom-10 offense last season; not a lot of points were scored. in Commanders games. Washington's 18.9 points per game scoring average was good for 24th, and the 20.2 points per game they allowed were seventh best. The Commanders' season began with two overs, including a 36-27 loss to the Lions that went well over their season-high 48-point total. That gave way to a run of four straight unders as the offense regressed. Overs occurred sparingly as the season went on.

DENVER BRONCOS, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS, LOS ANGELES RAMS

Over/Under Record: 6-10

There was a four-way tie for the fourth-highest under hit rate in the NFL between the Broncos, Buccaneers, Saints and Rams.

Denver's league-worst offense was the subject of much ridicule throughout the season as it averaged just 16.6 points per game. The under hit in 10 of the Broncos' first 11 games, but as Vegas adjusted, the over cashed in each of their final five games. Tampa Bay had the second-highest scoring offense in 2021 but took a major step back to the 25th-best unit, with an average of 18.4 points per game. The under hit in 10 of the Bucs' first 12 games. New Orleans averaged 19.4 points per game and was one of 11 teams to average fewer than 20. The Saints, who also had a top-10 defense, saw the under cash in nine of their last 10 games. Los Angeles' offensive struggles without Matthew Stafford and Cooper Kupp were evident as the team finished 27th in scoring at 18.1 points per game. Rams games still leaned heavily toward the under despite their 22nd-ranked defense, which allowed 22.6 points per game.

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NFL BETTING TRENDS

REVIEWING THE TOP-PERFORMING TEAMS AGAINST THE SPREAD

By Kyle Wood

The best NFL teams to bet on come in all shapes and sizes.

There are underdogs like the Giants and Lions, who covered at a high clip and exceeded their low preseason expectations, and then there are Super Bowl contenders like the Bengals and 49ers, who were favored for the vast majority of their schedules and covered the spread often all the same.

One common denominator for the five teams with the best records against the spread: They all finished with winning records straight up, and all but one (Detroit) made the postseason.

Let's look back at the 2022 season and review which teams delivered most often for bettors. This information can potentially be informative for 2023, though the Lions were the only team that repeated as a top-five team against the spread (ATS) from 2021.

NEW YORK GIANTS

Record Against the Spread: 13-4
Record Straight Up: 9-7-1

The Giants, who were installed as underdogs 12 times last season, covered in 10 of those games and pulled off six upsets on the way to a surprising postseason appearance. New York's biggest upset of the year, according to Vegas, came in a 27-22 victory as a nine-point underdog against the Packers in London. Head coach Brian Daboll's team also won outright as a 5.5-point underdog twice — once on the road against the Titans in the season opener and at home against the Ravens. The Giants finished 3-2 ATS as a favorite, well short of their sterling 10-2 underdog mark. New York went 6-3 ATS at home and posted an impressive 7-1 record on the road.

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Record Against the Spread: 12-4
Record Straight Up: 12-4

The Bengals finished the regular season on an eight-game winning streak in which they covered in all but one game: a 27-16 Week 18 win against the Ravens as an 11.5-point favorite. Cincinnati's season began with two outright losses to the Steelers and Cowboys, both times as seven-point favorites, but Zac Taylor's squad rebounded and finished the year as one of the most reliable teams to bet on, even though it was consistently installed as a favorite. The Bengals were listed as underdogs only twice and covered both times — they lost 19-17 as 3.5-point underdogs on the road to the Ravens and beat the Chiefs 27-24 as 2.5-point underdogs at Arrowhead Stadium.

DETROIT LIONS

Record Against the Spread: 12-5
Record Straight Up: 9-8

The Lions were a team of runs in 2022. They began the season with three straight covers ATS, then failed to cover four in a row and followed that up with a seven-game cover streak. That run of covers late in the year also corresponded with outright victories. Following a 1-6 start, Detroit went 8-2 over its final 10 to secure a winning record for the first time since 2017. Dan Campbell's nail-biting team finished 8-3 ATS as an underdog with five upset wins. The Lions hosted the Commanders Week 2 in a contest that closed as a pick 'em; that ended their run of 24 consecutive games as an underdog; (Detroit won, 36-27). It wasn't often that the Lions were giving points, though they finished 3-2 ATS in that position.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Record Against the Spread: 11-5-1
Record Straight Up: 10-7

The Chargers were listed as a favorite 11 times last year and finished a respectable 6-4-1 ATS in those games. As an underdog, Los Angeles posted a stout 5-1 mark ATS but won outright only once: a 23-17 victory against the Dolphins while getting three points at home. The largest letdown of the season was a 38-10 home loss to the Jaguars in which the Bolts closed as 6.5-point favorites. L.A. finished 7-2 ATS in away games, including a 4-1 record ATS as a road favorite. Justin Herbert improved to 5-1 ATS in games against the division-rival Chiefs with two covers last season, though the Chargers lost both games and are 2-4 straight up against Kansas City since 2020.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Record Against the Spread: 11-6
Record Straight Up: 13-4

The 49ers were a different team after the Christian McCaffrey trade. They were 3-3 ATS and straight up before the deal, lost to the Chiefs 44-23 in McCaffrey's debut in San Francisco as a one-point home underdog and then ripped off a 10-game winning streak to end the regular season. The Niners went 8-2 ATS over that stretch and were favored in all but one game. Kyle Shanahan's team entered just two games as an underdog all year: against the Chiefs in Week 7 and a week later against the Rams on the road, a contest they won 31-14 as a one-point underdog. San Francisco was favored by more than a touchdown six times and finished 4-2 against the spread in those games, including a 14.5-point cover against the Cardinals in the season finale.

NFL BETTING TRENDS

REVIEWING THE WORST-PERFORMING TEAMS AGAINST THE SPREAD

By Kyle Wood

The previous three Super Bowl winners all performed poorly against the spread last season.

The Buccaneers were overvalued, the Rams suddenly fell apart and the Chiefs, who went on to win their second ring within the past four years, played a lot of tight games but almost always came out on top. Those three teams were all bad to bet on week-to-week, though to varying degrees and for different reasons.

Let's review the five teams with the worst records against the spread (ATS) in 2022. Perhaps they should be faded next fall or they're due for a resurgence in a new season.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Record Against the Spread: 4-12-1
Record Straight Up: 8-9

The Buccaneers covered the spread in the first two games on their schedule but didn't do so again until Week 10. Covers were few and far between all season long for Tampa Bay, which was listed as a favorite 13 times and covered just four times. The 2021 Super Bowl champs also went winless ATS on those rare occasions they were the underdogs (0-4). The Bucs suffered a colossal upset on the road to the Panthers as 13-point favorites, losing 21-3. That was a week after a 20-18 loss to the Steelers in a game in which Tampa Bay was favored by 9.5 points. In Tom Brady's last season, his team failed to cover as a touchdown favorite or more four times and lost twice outright in that position.

CHICAGO BEARS

Record Against the Spread: 5-11-1
Record Straight Up: 3-14

The Bears routinely were underdogs of six or more points yet still performed poorly ATS on their way to the worst record in the NFL. They did, however, pull off a pair of shocking upsets. Chicago beat the 49ers, 19-10 in a Week 1 slopfest, despite being 6.5-point underdogs at home; in Week 7, the Bears thrashed the Patriots 33-14 on the road while getting 8.5 points. Head coach Matt Eberflus' team was favored just twice in 2022: The Bears pushed as three-point favorites in a 23-20 win over the Texans and lost to the Lions 31-30 as a three-point favorite. Chicago went 2-8 ATS during its 10-game losing streak to end the season.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Record Against the Spread: 6-11
Record Straight Up: 4-12-1

The Colts fell well short of expectations last year, as the preseason favorite to win the AFC South finished with the fourth-worst record in the NFL. Indianapolis went 1-6 ATS as a favorite and lost five times outright in that spot. There were quite a few bad losses for the Colts, who were on the wrong side of history after they blew a 33-0 lead against the Vikings in Week 15 — though they still managed to cover as 3.5-point underdogs in the 39-36 defeat. And as three-point favorites in Jacksonville, Indianapolis was shut out 24-0. The Colts were 11-point underdogs on the road against Dallas, which was nowhere near enough points to cover in a 54-19 blowout loss. On the positive side, the Colts inexplicably beat the eventual Super Bowl-champion Chiefs, winning 20-17 in Week 3 as 4.5-point home underdogs.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Record Against the Spread: 6-10-1
Record Straight Up: 14-3

The Chiefs sure like to keep things interesting. They were favored in all but two games in 2022 on their way to the No. 1 seed in the AFC, but they rarely covered the spread. Kansas City had some close calls as big favorites, including a 30-29 home win over Las Vegas (+7); a 20-17 triumph against Tennessee (+14); a 30-24 victory in Houston (also +14); and a 27-24 win at home against 12.5-point underdog Denver. Andy Reid's team split the two games it entered as an underdog — the Chiefs didn't need the two points in a 41-31 win over the Buccaneers; two weeks later, they fell to the Bills 24-20 at home and did not cover as a 2.5-point dog. The Chiefs were favored by at least a TD in more than half of their games but finished just 4-6 ATS in those scenarios, though they did cover a massive 15.5-point spread against the Rams. Even with Patrick Mahomes, many K.C. games ended up closer than expected.

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Record Against the Spread: 6-10-1
Record Straight Up: 5-12

The Rams followed up their Super Bowl win with their worst season with head coach Sean McVay at the helm. It took a while for the books to catch up with L.A., which was favored in six of its first nine games and went 2-6-1 ATS. The Rams were underdogs in each of their final eight games of the year and went 4-4 ATS with two outright wins. One was a 17-16 win over the Raiders as a six-point underdog in Baker Mayfield's first start with the team; the other was a 51-14 blowout win over the Broncos on Christmas Day as a three-point underdog.

2023 WIN TOTAL LINES

NICK BOSA

Which team will win the most games in 2023? It's no surprise oddsmakers like the reigning Super Bowl champions, but the Chiefs have some company at the top.

Vegas oddsmakers have released the win totals lines for the 2023 season, and as of press time, the Chiefs are expected to be joined by the Bengals and 49ers atop the NFL. All three teams have their win totals set at 11.5, making each of them also the respective favorites to win their divisions.

The oddsmakers are least bullish about the Cardinals, whose win total is set at a mere 4.5. The Buccaneers, Commanders, Texans and Colts aren't much better; their win totals are set at 6.5.

A few interesting trends to note:

• The Steelers have won nine or more games in eight of the last nine seasons, including 2022. (They were 8-8 in 2019). Their win total for '23 is set at 8.5.

• The Texans have not won more than four games since 2019 — their last full season with DeShaun Watson at the helm. Despite Houston's 3-13-1 record in 2022, oddsmakers like rookie quarterback C.J. Stroud and new head coach DeMeco Ryans to improve the Texans immediately; their line is set at 6.5.

• Oddsmakers are bullish on Dan Campbell and the Lions, with their line set at 9.5. Last season, the Lions finished 9-8 but fell just short of making the playoffs. The Lions have won 10 or more games just once in the last 11 seasons (2014).

• The Packers are still expected to approach eight wins, with their line set at 7.5, even without Aaron Rodgers. Green Bay has not won fewer than eight games in the Matt LaFleur era. Can he keep it rolling with new QB Jordan Love?

• Cleveland has won 10 or more games just once in the past 15 seasons; can Watson lead the Browns to double-digit wins in his first full season with the team? Their projected win line is currently at 9.5.

Here are the latest lines from SI Sportsbook for the 2023 season win totals for each NFL team:

WIN TOTALS FOR EACH NFL TEAM

ARIZONA CARDINALS	4.5
ATLANTA FALCONS	8.5
BALTIMORE RAVENS	9.5
BUFFALO BILLS	10.5
CAROLINA PANTHERS	7.5
CHICAGO BEARS	7.5
CINCINNATI BENGALS	11.5
CLEVELAND BROWNS	9.5
DALLAS COWBOYS	9.5
DENVER BRONCOS	8.5
DETROIT LIONS	9.5
GREEN BAY PACKERS	7.5
HOUSTON TEXANS	6.5
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	6.5
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	10.5
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	11.5
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	9.5
LOS ANGELES RAMS	7.5
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS	7.5
MIAMI DOLPHINS	9.5
MINNESOTA VIKINGS	8.5
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	7.5
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	9.5
NEW YORK GIANTS	8.5
NEW YORK JETS	9.5
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	10.5
PITTSBURGH STEELERS	8.5
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	8.5
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	11.5
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	6.5
TENNESSEE TITANS	7.5
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS	6.5

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NFL DIVISION ODDS

By Kyle Wood

AFC EAST

The reigning division champion Bills face a challenge with the Jets' acquisition of Aaron Rodgers. The Dolphins got better, and a Bill Belichick-coached team should never be counted out.

BUFFALO BILLS
Odds to Win AFC East: +130
Projected Win Total: 10.5

NEW YORK JETS
Odds to Win AFC East: +250
Projected Win Total: 9.5

MIAMI DOLPHINS
Odds to Win AFC East: +290
Projected Win Total: 9.5

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
Odds to Win AFC East: +750
Projected Win Total: 7.5

AFC NORTH

The Bengals will try to become the first team to three-peat in the AFC North since the Steelers in the 1990s.

CINCINNATI BENGALS
Odds to win AFC North: +125
Projected Win Total: 11.5

BALTIMORE RAVENS
Odds to win AFC North: +240
Projected Win Total: 9.5

CLEVELAND BROWNS
Odds to win AFC North: +350
Projected Win Total: 9.5

PITTSBURGH STEELERS
Odds to win AFC North: +650
Projected Win Total: 8.5

AFC SOUTH

The last two franchises to win the division before the Jaguars — the Titans in 2020 and '21 and the Texans in 2018 and '19 — both repeated, and it appears the Jags are poised to do the same.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
Odds to Win AFC South: -160
Projected Win Total: 10.5

TENNESSEE TITANS
Odds to Win AFC South: +360
Projected Win Total: 7.5

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
Odds to Win AFC South: +550
Projected Win Total: 6.5

HOUSTON TEXANS
Odds to Win AFC South: +800
Projected Win Total: 6.5

AFC WEST

Andy Reid has led Kansas City to seven straight division titles. The Chargers, Broncos and Raiders must jockey for wild card position.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
Odds to Win AFC West: -160
Projected Win Total: 11.5

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
Odds to Win AFC West: +300
Projected Win Total: 9.5

DENVER BRONCOS
Odds to Win AFC West: +550
Projected Win Total: 8.5

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS
Odds to Win AFC West: +1200
Projected Win Total: 7.5

NFC EAST

The NFC East has not had a repeat winner in 18 years, but the Eagles, who were the last team to go back-to-back 2001-04, are favored to put an end to that streak.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
Odds to Win NFC East: +110
Projected Win Total: 10.5

DALLAS COWBOYS
Odds to Win NFC East: +165
Projected Win Total: 9.5

NEW YORK GIANTS
Odds to Win NFC East: +600
Projected Win Total: 8.5

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS
Odds to Win NFC East: +1000
Projected Win Total: 6.5

NFC NORTH

Aaron Rodgers' exit has created a power vacuum in the North. This is by far the tightest division in football, as all four teams have odds shorter than +400, but Detroit is firmly ahead of the pack in the betting markets.

DETROIT LIONS
Odds to Win NFC North: +140
Projected Win Total: 9.5

GREEN BAY PACKERS
Odds to Win NFC North: +330
Projected Win Total: 7.5

MINNESOTA VIKINGS
Odds to Win NFC North: +350
Projected Win Total: 8.5

CHICAGO BEARS
Odds to Win NFC North: +350
Projected Win Total: 7.5

NFC SOUTH

New Orleans is the betting favorite to win the NFC South title. The Buccaneers, who won it the last two years, have the longest odds following Tom Brady's retirement. A case can be made for all four teams to have a shot at the division crown in 2023.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
Odds to Win NFC South: +125
Projected Win Total: 9.5

ATLANTA FALCONS
Odds to Win NFC South: +260
Projected Win Total: 8.5

CAROLINA PANTHERS
Odds to Win NFC South: +350
Projected Win Total: 7.5

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
Odds to Win NFC South: +550
Projected Win Total: 6.5

NFC WEST

The last team to win back-to-back NFC West titles was the Rams in 2017-18. San Francisco, the defending NFC West champions, is heavily favored to finish ahead of Seattle, its toughest competition in the division.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
Odds to Win NFC West: -175
Projected Win Total: 11.5

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
Odds to Win NFC West: +260
Projected Win Total: 8.5

LOS ANGELES RAMS
Odds to Win NFC West: +650
Projected Win Total: 7.5

ARIZONA CARDINALS
Odds to Win NFC West: +2400
Projected Win Total: 4.5

EXPLAINING EFP

EFP stands for Expected Fantasy Points, the total fantasy points projected by Athlon Sports for QBs, RBs, WRs, TEs, Ks and D/ST units using a performance-based, PPR scoring system. The EFP is just an extra bonus for readers who enjoy the convenience of seeing a projected points total next to each player.

01 **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY**

HT: 5-11 | WT: 205 | AGE: 27 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 255.4

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Betting against McCaffrey has never been a good idea. He has remained a top scorer across situational changes for years.

McCaffrey switched teams midyear and scored five fewer TDs than Austin Ekeler. Yet he fell just one point per game short of Ekeler's position lead. McCaffrey faces a workload challenge from a healthy Elijah Mitchell. He averaged 16.5 opportunities in six games with Mitchell vs. 19.9 overall with the 49ers (playoffs included). But Brock Purdy over Trey Lance will counter some of that by helping pass volume and allotting fewer carries to the QB. McCaffrey's career half-PPR scoring average sits at 19.1 points, which would have tied Ekeler's lead for 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CAR	3	59	225	5	0	0	17	149	1	81.9
2021	CAR	7	99	442	1	0	0	37	343	1	109.0
2022	CAR/SF	17	244	1,139	8	5	0	85	741	5	315.9
2023	Proj.	16	206.7	971.5	7.6	5	1	70.8	588	3.4	255.4

AUSTIN EKELER

BYE WEEKS

WEEK 5	Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Seattle, Tampa Bay
WEEK 6	Green Bay, Pittsburgh
WEEK 7	Carolina, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, N.Y. Jets, Tennessee
WEEK 9	Denver, Detroit, Jacksonville, San Francisco
WEEK 10	Kansas City, L.A. Rams, Miami, Philadelphia
WEEK 11	Atlanta, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans
WEEK 13	Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Las Vegas, Minnesota, N.Y. Giants
WEEK 14	Arizona, Washington

STEFON DIGGS

ATHLON SCORING

OFFENSE

10 yards rushing = 1 point
10 yards receiving = 1 point
25 yards passing = 1 point
6 points for all TDs
0.5 points per reception
Interception = -2 points
Fumble lost = -2 points

KICKING

39 yards and under = 3 points
40-49 yards = 4 points
50-59 yards = 5 points
60+ yards = 6 points
PATs = 1 point

TEAM DEFENSE (D/ST)

0 points allowed = 12 points
1-6 points allowed = 10 points
7-13 points allowed = 8 points
14-20 points allowed = 6 points
21-27 points allowed = 2 points
28+ points allowed = 0 points
Safeties = 2 points
Fumbles recovered = 2 points
Interceptions = 2 points
Sacks = 1 point
Defensive/ST TDs = 6 points

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QUARTERBACKS

STAFF TOP 12s

	MICHAEL FABIANO	JENNIFER PIACENTI	KYLE WOOD	CRAIG ELLENPORT	MATT SCHAUF
1.	JOSH ALLEN	PATRICK MAHOMES	JALEN HURTS	PATRICK MAHOMES	JOSH ALLEN
2.	PATRICK MAHOMES	JALEN HURTS	PATRICK MAHOMES	JALEN HURTS	PATRICK MAHOMES
3.	JALEN HURTS	JOSH ALLEN	JOSH ALLEN	JOE BURROW	JALEN HURTS
4.	JOE BURROW	JOE BURROW	JOE BURROW	JOSH ALLEN	JOE BURROW
5.	LAMAR JACKSON	LAMAR JACKSON	LAMAR JACKSON	JUSTIN HERBERT	JUSTIN HERBERT
6.	JUSTIN HERBERT	TREVOR LAWRENCE	JUSTIN FIELDS	LAMAR JACKSON	LAMAR JACKSON
7.	JUSTIN FIELDS	JUSTIN FIELDS	JUSTIN HERBERT	TREVOR LAWRENCE	TREVOR LAWRENCE
8.	TREVOR LAWRENCE	JUSTIN HERBERT	TREVOR LAWRENCE	TUA TAGOVAILOA	JUSTIN FIELDS
9.	DAK PRESCOTT	AARON RODGERS	DAK PRESCOTT	JUSTIN FIELDS	DESHAUN WATSON
10.	DESHAUN WATSON	TUA TAGOVAILOA	GENO SMITH	GENO SMITH	DAK PRESCOTT
11.	DANIEL JONES	DAK PRESCOTT	TUA TAGOVAILOA	KIRK COUSINS	GENO SMITH
12.	TUA TAGOVAILOA	DESHAUN WATSON	KIRK COUSINS	MATTHEW STAFFORD	KIRK COUSINS
Rookie	ANTHONY RICHARDSON	BRYCE YOUNG	ANTHONY RICHARDSON	BRYCE YOUNG	ANTHONY RICHARDSON
Sleeper	BROCK PURDY	GENO SMITH	MATTHEW STAFFORD	MATTHEW STAFFORD	ANTHONY RICHARDSON
Deep Sleeper	KENNY PICKETT	C.J. STROUD	KENNY PICKETT	DESMOND RIDDER	JORDAN LOVE
Bounce-Back	AARON RODGERS	RUSSELL WILSON	DEREK CARR	MATTHEW STAFFORD	DESHAUN WATSON
Bust	MATTHEW STAFFORD	DANIEL JONES	DESHAUN WATSON	JUSTIN FIELDS	KENNY PICKETT
Injury Risk	TUA TAGOVAILOA	TUA TAGOVAILOA	TUA TAGOVAILOA	TUA TAGOVAILOA	KYLER MURRAY

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2023 RANKINGS

Rk	Player	Team	Bye
1	Josh Allen	BUF	13
2	Patrick Mahomes	KC	10
3	Jalen Hurts	PHI	10
4	Joe Burrow	CIN	7
5	Justin Herbert	LAC	5
6	Lamar Jackson	BAL	13
7	Trevor Lawrence	JAC	9
8	Deshaun Watson	CLE	5
9	Justin Fields	CHI	13
10	Dak Prescott	DAL	7
11	Geno Smith	SEA	5
12	Kirk Cousins	MIN	13
13	Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	10
14	Aaron Rodgers	NYJ	7
15	Jared Goff	DET	9
16	Daniel Jones	NYG	13
17	Russell Wilson	DEN	9
18	Bryce Young	CAR	7
19	Matthew Stafford	LAR	10
20	Kenny Pickett	PIT	6
21	Mac Jones	NE	11
22	Jordan Love	GB	6
23	Jimmy Garoppolo	LV	13
24	Derek Carr	NO	11
25	Anthony Richardson	IND	11
26	C.J. Stroud	HOU	7
27	Ryan Tannehill	TEN	7
28	Kyler Murray	ARI	14
29	Desmond Ridder	ATL	11
30	Baker Mayfield	TB	5
31	Brock Purdy	SF	9
32	Sam Howell	WAS	14
33	Jacoby Brissett	WAS	14
34	Trey Lance	SF	9
35	Gardner Minshew	IND	11
36	Kyle Trask	TB	5
37	Colt McCoy	ARI	14
38	Taylor Heinicke	ATL	11
39	Mike White	MIA	10
40	Tyler Huntley	BAL	13

AVERAGE DEPTH OF THROW

ADOT tracks the distance downfield each pass travels before it is complete, incomplete or intercepted. Quarterbacks with high ADOT marks generally take more chances, which will lead to more coveted big plays. Shown here are the top 40 ADOT marks among QBs who dropped back to pass at least 100 times during the 2022 season.

Player	Team	DB	ADOT
Jameis Winston	NO	129	12.0
Marcus Mariota	ATL	354	10.5
Jarrett Stidham	LV	101	10.3
Josh Allen	BUF	754	10.2
Tua Tagovailoa	MIA	432	10.1
Mitch Trubisky	PIT	195	10.0
Zach Wilson	NYJ	279	9.7
Derek Carr	LV	544	9.7
Justin Fields	CHI	444	9.5
Jacoby Brissett	CLE	416	9.5
Russell Wilson	DEN	569	9.5
Sam Darnold	CAR	162	9.2
Taylor Heinicke	WAS	292	9.2
Lamar Jackson	BAL	378	9.2
Skylar Thompson	MIA	167	9.0
Cooper Rush	DAL	172	8.9
Jalen Hurts	PHI	637	8.7
Dak Prescott	DAL	507	8.6
Aaron Rodgers	GB	588	8.5
PJ Walker	CAR	119	8.4
Desmond Ridder	ATL	136	8.4
Joe Flacco	NYJ	202	8.4
Andy Dalton	NO	415	8.4
Davis Mills	HOU	529	8.4
Geno Smith	SEA	693	8.3
Ryan Tannehill	TEN	374	8.2
Mac Jones	NE	496	8.2
Mike White	NYJ	186	8.0
Kenny Pickett	PIT	444	8.0
Deshaun Watson	CLE	204	7.9
Carson Wentz	WAS	314	7.9
Trevor Lawrence	JAC	733	7.9
Kirk Cousins	MIN	740	7.9
Sam Ehlinger	IND	125	7.8
Brock Purdy	SF	259	7.8
Jared Goff	DET	626	7.6
Joe Burrow	CIN	803	7.6
Patrick Mahomes	KC	835	7.5
Tyler Huntley	BAL	168	7.4
Jimmy Garoppolo	SF	328	7.3
Tom Brady	TB	829	7.3

(MIN 100 DROPBACKS, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS) SOURCE: PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS

INJURY CONCERNS

LAMAR JACKSON, BALTIMORE RAVENS

Jackson has missed five games in each of the past two seasons, with a sprained ankle in 2021 and a sprained knee in 2022. Given his reliance on mobility, recurring leg injuries are a major concern.

TUA TAGOVAILOA, MIAMI DOLPHINS

The Dolphins picked up Tagovailoa's fifth-year option during the offseason, reinforcing their commitment to him despite the concussion concerns that were magnified in 2022. He missed four games under the concussion protocol.

DANIEL JONES, NEW YORK GIANTS

Jones helped the Giants reach the playoffs and was rewarded in the offseason with a lucrative new four-year, $160 million contract. Of course, any quarterback who runs that much is an injury concern.

MATTHEW STAFFORD, LOS ANGELES RAMS

Stafford was a major injury concern for all of 2022. Elbow issues limited his offseason work, but it was a combination of other injuries (concussions, neck) that ended his season after just nine games. Rams head coach Sean McVay said Stafford was cleared to play in April, but the issues are worth monitoring.

RYAN TANNEHILL, TENNESSEE TITANS

Tannehill began showing signs of wear in '22. He missed Weeks 8 and 9 with an ankle injury and then missed the final three games after re-aggravating the injury. Tannehill turns 35 in July, and the Titans are already thinking about their QB of the future.

KYLER MURRAY, ARIZONA CARDINALS

Murray tore the ACL in his right knee in Week 14 last season and underwent surgery in early January. There have been reports that Murray does not want to rush things.

MAC JONES, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Jones has been relatively durable, but his lack of production has created a tenuous situation. Jones can't afford to miss time with injuries; there are already calls for Bailey Zappe to get a chance to start.

JIMMY GAROPPOLO, LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Garoppolo's up-and-down career with the 49ers unofficially ended in Week 13 last season when he broke his left foot. Garoppolo had entered '22 following shoulder surgery, but his performance indicated that that injury was behind him.

BROCK PURDY, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Purdy tore his UCL in the NFC Championship Game and had surgery in March. It's no guarantee that he'll be ready to start the season, and he'll have a tough time getting back on the field if he's not 100 percent.

TREY LANCE, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

The season-ending injuries that Lance suffered in Week 2 — a fractured fibula and ligament damage in his ankle — opened the door for two other 49ers QBs. Brock Purdy will compete with Lance for the starting job when he recovers from his own injury.

PATRICK MAHOMES

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01 JOSH ALLEN

HT: 6-5 | WT: 237 | AGE: 27 | BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 462.4

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

Allen's combo of top-shelf passing and rushing production makes him easy to like. He's a safe pick if you're going to draft a quarterback early.

Allen has finished three straight years atop the position in fantasy points per game. He overcame a shallow corps of pass catchers — only Stefon Diggs reached 50 catches — to rank third in TD rate and eighth in yards per completion. The Bills moved up for tight end Dalton Kincaid in Round 1 of the 2023 NFL Draft and have touted him as more of a big slot receiver. If that's true, then he should upgrade a position led by Isaiah McKenzie in 2022. Continued growth from running back James Cook and wide receiver Gabe Davis would help as well.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	BUF	16	4,544	37	10	8	26	421	8	6	469.6
2021	BUF	17	4,407	36	15	6	26	763	6	3	474.6
2022	BUF	16	4,283	35	14	6	33	762	7	5	465.5
2023 Proj.		17	4,621	35	14	7	33	690	7	5	462.4

02 PATRICK MAHOMES

HT: 6-2 | WT: 225 | AGE: 27 | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 452.7

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Mahomes combines high TD rates with consistently high yards per attempt and sneaky rushing. He's just behind Josh Allen but a safe bet.

Mahomes' first year without Tyreek Hill also marked the first time he has led the NFL in passing yards. It was his second time leading in TD passes and TD rate (the other was his 2018 breakout). The Chiefs have thrown the ball on 62 percent of plays over the past four years, and they've built an intriguing young receiver group over the past two. That includes Round 2 picks Skyy Moore (2022) and Rashee Rice (2023) and former Giants first-round pick Kadarius Toney. Tight end Travis Kelce, of course, remains the cornerstone.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	KC	15	4,740	38	6	9	22	302	2	2	449.8
2021	KC	17	4,839	37	13	5	28	381	2	4	435.7
2022	KC	17	5,250	41	12	9	26	358	4	0	498.9
2023 Proj.		17	5,224	39	12	9	27	339	3	3	452.7

03 JALEN HURTS

HT: 6-1 | WT: 223 | AGE: 25 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 433.0

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Hurts advanced as a passer in 2022. But the rushing production is what will keep him a weekly and yearly fantasy difference-maker.

Is Hurts in line for rushing-TD regression? Probably some. According to Pro Football Focus, he did score slightly over his expected rate on both scrambles and designed runs. But Hurts' 7.9 percent TD rate wasn't far from his 7.2 percent of 2021. Only Lions running back Jamaal Williams got more carries inside the 5-yard line. So, unless Philly changes its plan down there, expect plenty more scoring. Neither D'Andre Swift nor Rashaad Penny is a thumper imported to take over at the goal line. Otherwise, the offense remains pretty much the same.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	PHI	14	1,061	6	4	2	13	357	3	2	120.9
2021	PHI	15	3,144	16	9	2	26	784	10	2	344.2
2022	PHI	15	3,701	22	6	4	38	760	13	2	422.0
2023 Proj.		16	3,931	25	9	3	39	810	11	4	433.0

04 JOE BURROW

HT: 6-4 | WT: 215 | AGE: 26 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 423.1

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

The passing will stay there, at least as long as Burrow can throw to an elite receiver corps. The rushing increase makes him easier to bet on.

Burrow dipped in completion rate, touchdown rate and yards per attempt vs. 2021. Yet he scored more fantasy points than the year before and finished fourth at the position. Burrow nearly doubled his rushing, which makes sense another year removed from his 2020 ACL tear. He's not likely to punch in five scores a year, but the yardage should stay in the higher range, and that helps the TD chances. Cincinnati returns its top three WRs and also added depth, while swapping out TE Hayden Hurst for Irv Smith Jr.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	CIN	10	2,688	13	5	5	32	142	3	4	199.7
2021	CIN	16	4,611	34	14	6	51	118	2	2	382.2
2022	CIN	16	4,475	35	12	5	41	257	5	3	420.7
2023 Proj.		17	5,095	35	13	7	46	275	3	3	423.1

05 JUSTIN HERBERT

HT: 6-6 | WT: 236 | AGE: 25 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 415.9

BYE WEEK: 5

ATHLON'S TAKE

Herbert has plenty of ability and an enviable set of pass catchers, including rookie Quentin Johnston. A scheme change could unlock big upside.

Herbert attempted the league's second-most passes last year. He posted his best completion rate to date, but he fell more than five fantasy points per game compared to his previous two seasons. A cratering TD rate (5.7 to 3.6 percent) crushed his value, and Herbert's yardage efficiency also dipped. Injuries for Keenan Allen and Mike Williams hurt, but scheme might have been the bigger issue. After finishing 14th in net yards per pass attempt, the Chargers dumped OC Joe Lombardi for Kellen Moore. Three of Moore's four Dallas offenses ranked in the top nine in that category.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	LAC	15	4,336	31	10	8	32	234	5	1	394.8
2021	LAC	17	5,014	38	15	9	31	302	3	1	456.8
2022	LAC	17	4,739	25	10	5	38	147	0	3	330.3
2023 Proj.		17	5,063	35	12	8	36	232	2	3	415.9

06 LAMAR JACKSON

HT: 6-2 | WT: 230 | AGE: 26 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 379.3

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

A significant upgrade in his pass catchers and an anticipated spike in passing volume under a new coordinator could allow Jackson to challenge for the fantasy lead.

Jackson has lost five games to injury each of the past two years, but neither of those issues has lingered beyond that season. Baltimore is clearly trying to boost the passing game this year after giving Jackson his big, new contract. The Ravens signed Odell Beckham Jr. and drafted Zay Flowers in Round 1. Wide receiver Rashod Bateman returns from his early-season foot injury, and tight end Mark Andrews remains a stellar option. The team also switched coordinators, from run-heavy Greg Roman to pass-favoring Todd Monken.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	BAL	15	2,757	26	9	0	29	1,005	7	4	384.8
2021	BAL	12	2,882	16	13	2	38	767	2	3	272.0
2022	BAL	12	2,242	17	7	1	26	764	3	2	270.1
2023 Proj.		15	3,665	26	11	2	42	811	4	4	379.3

07 TREVOR LAWRENCE

HT: 6-6 | WT: 220 | AGE: 23 | JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 379.2

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Lawrence isn't quite as safe a selection as some others around him, but there's untapped upside to the player and the offense overall. He's a fantasy QB1.

Strange how Lawrence's 2022 turnaround coincided with dumping a misplaced college coach (Urban Meyer) for a professional one (Doug Pederson). Jacksonville has also invested in building around Lawrence the past two years. This season brings the return of wide receiver Calvin Ridley, while the franchise tag kept tight end Evan Engram from leaving in free agency after his rebound season. Even the draft added an offensive tackle in Round 1. If Ridley is all the way back, he could help boost Lawrence's yardage efficiency after a 2022 dip in target depth.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2021	JAC	17	3,641	12	17	2	32	334	2	5	223.0
2022	JAC	17	4,113	25	8	4	27	291	5	9	345.6
2023 Proj.		17	4,545	30	11	6	32	299	3	5	379.2

08 DESHAUN WATSON

HT: 6-3 | WT: 223 | AGE: 27 | CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 378.0

BYE WEEK: 5

ATHLON'S TAKE

If the old Watson takes the field this year, he could challenge for a spot near the top of the position in fantasy. He's intriguing at this cost.

We should probably just throw out Watson's 2022. He went 23 months between games before last season's Week 13 and had never played a game with these Browns teammates. Before his unofficial 2021 suspension, though, Watson had never ranked lower than seventh among QBs in fantasy points. Since he arrived in 2017, only Patrick Mahomes and Josh Allen have scored more fantasy points per game. This season adds wide receivers Elijah Moore and 6-foot-3 Cedric Tillman to a corps that returns Amari Cooper and downfield weapon Donovan Peoples-Jones.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	HOU	16	4,823	33	7	10	49	444	3	3	435.3
2021			DNP								
2022	CLE	6	1,102	7	5	0	20	175	1	0	99.6
2023 Proj.		17	4,173	28	11	4	47	446	4	4	378.0

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09 JUSTIN FIELDS

HT: 6-3 | WT: 228 | AGE: 24 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 367.5
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Fields will always possess the rushing upside. How much he can do as a passer will be key to his fantasy stock this year. There's risk in his early ADP.

Fields broke out thanks to a midseason shift in offensive philosophy. He went from an already-high nine rushes per game over the first six contests to 11.8 over his final nine. Fields ran for at least one TD in six straight outings. That's not sustainable, and he'll have trouble repeating his 7.1 yards per carry. There have only been five QB seasons ever with 100-plus carries at seven-plus yards per rush. The trade for wide receiver DJ Moore should mean some shift from a league-high rushing rate (56.2 percent) to at least a bit more passing.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2021	CHI	12	1,870	7	10	0	36	420	2	5	140.8
2022	CHI	15	2,242	17	11	0	55	1,143	8	2	330.0
2023 Proj.		16	3,190	22	13	1	51	939	8	7	367.5

10 DAK PRESCOTT

HT: 6-2 | WT: 238 | AGE: 30 | DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 358.7
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
There's enough talent between Prescott and his receiving corps to bet on him here. But Mike McCarthy's game management adds downside risk.

Take out the Week 1 game he left early with a thumb injury, and Prescott would have tied Lamar Jackson for fifth at the position in fantasy points per game. He finished all four of offensive coordinator Kellen Moore's seasons among the top seven QBs in that category. That makes Moore's departure a little worrisome. Head coach Mike McCarthy will call the plays, and his last four Green Bay offenses ranked 17th or worse in net yards per pass attempt. The wide receivers are good, at least, as Brandin Cooks joins CeeDee Lamb and a healthier Michael Gallup (late 2021 ACL tear).

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	DAL	5	1,856	9	4	3	10	93	3	3	153.1
2021	DAL	16	4,449	37	10	5	30	146	1	6	394.6
2022	DAL	12	2,860	23	15	1	20	182	1	1	244.6
2023 Proj.		17	4,393	29	12	5	30	239	2	3	358.7

11 GENO SMITH

HT: 6-3 | WT: 221 | AGE: 32 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 350.0
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE
Perhaps Smith will regress in 2023, but Seattle paid up to keep him and didn't draft a QB. He should deliver a decent number of top-12 weeks.

It's fair to wonder what the 2022 Comeback Player of the Year was coming back to. Smith entered last season with 34 career TD passes (through eight seasons) and 37 interceptions. But Smith delivered the league's best completion rate in his first full starting turn since his 2013 rookie campaign. Smith has also topped five percent in TD rate each of the past two years after compiling a 3.2 percent rate over his first seven campaigns. DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett remain one of the NFL's best receiving tandems, and Jaxon Smith-Njigba improves the talent further.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	SEA	1	33	0	0	0	1	-2	0	0	1.1
2021	SEA	4	702	5	1	0	13	42	1	1	64.3
2022	SEA	17	4,282	30	11	4	46	366	1	4	363.9
2023 Proj.		17	4,277	28	11	3	47	290	2	4	350.0

12 KIRK COUSINS

HT: 6-3 | WT: 205 | AGE: 35 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 342.7
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Cousins remains unchallenged and solidly performing as he enters his age-35 season. He's a solid first QB if you wait on the position.

Cousins' passing efficiency dipped across the board in his first season under head coach Kevin O'Connell. Yet he finished sixth among fantasy QBs because of a large spike in passing volume. The Vikings traded for tight end T.J. Hockenson midseason and now head into the first full year with him. Minnesota also moved on from wide receiver Adam Thielen, replacing him with first-round pick Jordan Addison. The rookie is not nearly as big, but he scored on 13.2 percent of his college catches. Of course, Justin Jefferson stands as the main upside generator.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	MIN	16	4,265	35	13	5	39	156	1	5	376.2
2021	MIN	16	4,221	33	7	6	28	115	1	2	366.3
2022	MIN	17	4,547	29	14	3	46	97	2	3	349.6
2023 Proj.		17	4,535	30	14	5	40	90	1	5	342.7

13 TUA TAGOVAILOA

HT: 6-1 | WT: 217 | AGE: 25 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 329.6
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Situation remains the biggest factor working in Tagovailoa's favor. He'll be a boom/bust play, so pair him with another quality quarterback.

Despite Tyreek Hill's accuracy propaganda last summer, Tagovailoa's completion rate dipped vs. 2021. But he led the league in TD rate, yards per attempt and passer rating. The biggest question for the QB is concussions. Tagovailoa suffered at least two of them last season and said he contemplated retirement. In the 11 games he didn't leave early, Tagovailoa posted a scoring average that would have ranked fifth among QBs for the year. He returns the same dynamic wideouts and adds speedy running back Devon Achane.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	MIA	10	1,814	11	5	2	20	109	3	1	157.5
2021	MIA	13	2,653	16	10	1	20	128	3	1	212.9
2022	MIA	13	3,548	25	8	4	21	70	0	1	280.9
2023 Proj.		15	4,148	29	11	5	31	117	1	3	329.6

DANIEL JONES

16 DANIEL JONES

HT: 6-5 | WT: 230 | AGE: 26 | NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 327.3
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
If Jones can keep his rushing volume up like last year, and boost the passing-TD rate, he has a shot at regular top-12 production this season.

Jones turned basically everything around last year besides his passing-TD rate (his 3.2 percent ranked 28th among 33 qualifying QBs), and that was Jones' highest mark since 2019. Is it bad luck or a deficiency? The Giants traded for tight end Darren Waller to help answer that question. They also re-signed WR Darius Slayton and added a smattering of slot types. Third-round pick Jalin Hyatt has difference-making speed but must prove he's big enough for regular playing time. Jones' carries per game have increased every year.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	NYG	14	2,943	11	10	0	45	423	1	6	202.0
2021	NYG	11	2,428	10	7	1	22	298	2	3	187.0
2022	NYG	16	3,205	15	5	2	44	708	7	3	319.0
2023 Proj.		16	3,586	19	9	2	44	568	5	4	327.3

17 RUSSELL WILSON

HT: 5-11 | WT: 215 | AGE: 34 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 320.2
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Wilson isn't worth a sizable draft bet at this point, but he's easier to take a shot on later. We'll see how camp and preseason treat him.

Wilson posted career-low marks in just about any category he could have last year. That included his Pro Football Focus passing grade, which ranked 36th among all QBs. It also marked his second straight year of significant decline in that category. If new head coach Sean Payton can help Wilson fix what went wrong, there's plenty of surrounding talent. Wide receivers Jerry Jeudy and Courtland Sutton have each had success, and Tim Patrick also returns. Tight end Greg Dulcich was a downfield playmaker as a rookie, and second-round draft pick Marvin Mims Jr. is a deep threat.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	SEA	16	4,212	40	13	5	47	513	2	4	439.8
2021	SEA	14	3,113	25	6	1	33	183	2	1	290.8
2022	DEN	15	3,524	16	11	1	55	277	3	2	257.3
2023 Proj.		16	4,003	24	12	2	50	259	2	3	320.2

14 AARON RODGERS

HT: 6-2 | WT: 223 | AGE: 39 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 329.2
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Rodgers should be fine in his new surroundings, but we're not betting on high-end production now that his rushing contribution is minimal.

Rodgers joins a talented Jets offense, especially if running back Breece Hall's repaired ACL is ready for the opener. Wide receiver Garrett Wilson won NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, and the Jets signed two Rodgers favorites in free agency: Allen Lazard and Randall Cobb. Mecole Hardman Jr. also brings the speed that made him a second-round pick four years ago. Rodgers' completion rate remained sturdy last year, but his yards per attempt fell to the second-lowest level of his career. The surrounding talent and a familiar offensive coordinator (Nathaniel Hackett) should help.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	GB	16	4,299	48	5	5	20	149	3	2	478.8
2021	GB	16	4,115	37	4	4	30	101	3	0	406.8
2022	GB	17	3,695	26	12	0	32	94	1	4	291.2
2023 Proj.		17	4,232	27	9	2	36	115	2	3	329.2

15 JARED GOFF

HT: 6-4 | WT: 223 | AGE: 28 | DETROIT LIONS

EFP: 328.3
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Goff doesn't carry big upside, but he's a decent platoon type in the middle of your draft. Don't reach ahead of ADP for him, though.

Goff entered last season looking like a weak bet for fantasy production. A year later, that quiet first season in Detroit is the outlier of his career. Losing tight end T.J. Hockenson midyear didn't hurt. Goff spread his TD passes around, with only Amon-Ra St. Brown catching more than four and seven players scoring at least three. He'll get explosive 2022 rookie wideout Jameson Williams back after a six-game (gambling) suspension. Rookie running back Jahmyr Gibbs could quickly rank among the league's most dynamic receivers out of the backfield.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	LAR	15	3,952	20	13	6	23	99	4	4	280.0
2021	DET	14	3,245	19	8	1	35	87	0	6	232.5
2022	DET	17	4,438	29	7	5	23	73	0	4	341.8
2023 Proj.		17	4,343	28	10	4	27	72	1	4	328.3

RUSSELL WILSON

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18 BRYCE YOUNG

HT: 5-10 | WT: 204 | AGE: 22 | CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 312.0
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Young should start Week 1 and looks promising long term. But there's not enough here to make him exciting for 2023 redraft leagues.

The Panthers overlooked Young being the fourth-shortest QB measured at the Scouting Combine since 1999, and they did so because he's highly accurate. Young tied for 11th in Pro Football Focus' adjusted completion rate last year, among 128 college QBs with at least 200 dropbacks. He tied for eighth in that category the year before. Young is also mobile, and he appears likely to rush for more yardage in the NFL, where he'll need to escape the pocket more than he did at Alabama. His receiving corps doesn't look great for 2023, though.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		16	3,942	22	14	1	44	350	2	5	312.0

19 MATTHEW STAFFORD

HT: 6-3 | WT: 220 | AGE: 35 | LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 307.1
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Stafford has been a much better fantasy QB through most of his career than he was last year. A healthy summer will make him a sleeper pick.

Stafford reached 20 fantasy points just once last season. That was far different than 2021, when he did so in 14 of 17 games. Stafford entered the year with multiple injury questions that had sidelined him all offseason. Head coach Sean McVay told Sirius XM NFL Radio in April that this is the first time in a while that Stafford is "actually feeling good" in the offseason. That's allowing him to throw with receivers at a time of year when he wasn't throwing a year ago. Wide receiver Cooper Kupp should be all the way back from the high-ankle sprain that ended his 2022 campaign.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	DET	16	4,084	26	10	3	38	112	0	1	312.6
2021	LAR	17	4,886	41	17	7	30	43	0	2	411.7
2022	LAR	9	2,087	10	8	1	29	9	1	3	128.4
2023 Proj.		16	4,122	28	14	3	40	47	0	3	307.1

20 KENNY PICKETT

HT: 6-3 | WT: 220 | AGE: 25 | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 304.7
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
Pickett's passing numbers should improve, and his rushing production was already solid. We're not betting he brings a high fantasy ceiling, though.

Pickett posted one of the worst passing-TD rates in history as a rookie. Only 15 QBs have ever attempted 300-plus passes in a season and thrown fewer than two percent of them for touchdowns, so there should be nowhere to go but up in that category. More good news: He ranked a solid 18th among all QBs in Pro Football Focus passing grade. He also ranked 32nd among 33 qualifiers in yards per attempt despite tying for 20th in average target depth. Pickett should improve as a sophomore, but he could use a bit more help from the guys around him as well.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2022	PIT	13	2,404	7	9	1	27	237	3	1	163.9
2023 Proj.		16	3,652	22	12	1	38	317	3	3	304.7

21 MAC JONES

HT: 6-3 | WT: 214 | AGE: 25 | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 304.5
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Bet on Jones and the offense faring better than last year. But there's a long way to go for him to actually help fantasy teams.

With Josh McDaniels as coordinator in 2021, Jones looked like a promising rookie who finished top 20 among fantasy QBs. The Pats decided to go without a true coordinator after McDaniels left, and Jones and the offense fell apart. New coordinator Bill O'Brien has seen mixed results as an offensive coach, leaning toward rushing volume over passing. But each of his last three Houston offenses ranked among the top 13 in net yards per pass attempt. Jones still has iffy WRs, with Jakobi Meyers swapped out for JuJu Smith-Schuster and TE Mike Gesicki added.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2021	NE	17	3,801	22	13	2	28	129	0	3	268.9
2022	NE	14	2,997	14	11	2	34	102	1	1	198.1
2023 Proj.		17	4,219	23	14	2	41	123	1	3	304.5

MATTHEW STAFFORD

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22 JORDAN LOVE

HT: 6-4 | WT: 219 | AGE: 24 | GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 302.3
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
Love has enough talent at WR, and he showed plus mobility in college. The latter makes him a good upside bet from this range.

The Packers were reportedly ready to move on from Aaron Rodgers even before he made his decision. Love has made just one start over three seasons. He and the Packers agreed to an extension for 2024 instead of the fifth-year option on his contract. That shows both sides hedging their bets on how 2023 goes. Love will have dynamic second-year wideout Christian Watson to help, and fellow 2022 rookie Romeo Doubs showed some promise. Green Bay also added another second-round receiver this year, Jayden Reed.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020			DNP								
2021	GB	6	411	2	3	0	3	27	0	1	25.1
2022	GB	4	195	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	13.7
2023 Proj.		17	3,799	22	13	2	38	260	2	4	302.3

23 JIMMY GAROPPOLO

HT: 6-2 | WT: 225 | AGE: 31 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 290.3
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Garoppolo has always been a limited QB. Playing him with one high-level receiver isn't close to enough to make the veteran QB attractive.

Derek Carr logged a career-high 9.7-yard average depth of target in his lone season under head coach Josh McDaniels. Garoppolo hasn't topped 7.0 since 2018, and at no point has he been a frequent deep passer. McDaniels did coach him as the Patriots' coordinator for Garoppolo's first three years, so the coach should know what he's getting. Perhaps we'll see a philosophy change for the new QB. Jakobi Meyers, Hunter Renfrow and a 30-year-old Davante Adams seem to be a WR crew better suited for short and intermediate work than deep.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	SF	6	1,096	7	5	0	11	25	0	0	78.3
2021	SF	15	3,810	20	12	5	29	51	3	3	267.5
2022	SF	11	2,437	16	4	1	18	33	2	2	196.8
2023 Proj.		16	3,927	24	13	2	38	53	1	3	290.3

24 DEREK CARR

HT: 6-3 | WT: 215 | AGE: 32 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 288.6
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Carr makes sense for stacking with Saints receivers in your best-ball lineups. He's not attractive as a standalone fantasy QB.

Carr's uncomfortable ouster from Vegas sent him to a decently attractive Saints depth chart. Second-year wide receiver Chris Olave looks like a potential star. Carr could leverage Olave's 14.4-yard rookie-year average depth of target if New Orleans decides to keep the QB chucking it deep. The Saints also return wideout Michael Thomas (again), but we'll see what comes of it this time. Rashid Shaheed showed game-breaking speed last year after going undrafted, and Alvin Kamara remains at least a reliable receiver out of the backfield, when he's on the field.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	LV	16	4,103	27	9	6	26	140	3	8	326.1
2021	LV	17	4,804	23	14	6	40	108	0	5	303.0
2022	LV	15	3,522	24	14	2	27	102	0	0	267.1
2023 Proj.		17	3,878	24	11	3	34	109	1	5	288.6

25 ANTHONY RICHARDSON

HT: 6-4 | WT: 232 | AGE: 21 | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 260.4
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Richardson's receiving crew isn't a selling point. He's a high-upside fantasy play if he's in the lineup. But he's a roster clogger until then.

Richardson's value depends heavily on how soon he can start and how much you can afford to be patient. The Colts likely don't even know yet when he'll take over. History says first-round QBs nearly always step in at some point during their rookie seasons. But Richardson spent just one year leading the Gators and might need the learning time. Whenever he gets on the field, Richardson will bring a high rushing ceiling, as he averaged 6.9 yards per carry across his college career, with 12 TDs. Richardson then set records with his NFL Combine testing as well.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		12	2,628	13	13	0	31	662	5	5	260.4

26 C.J. STROUD

HT: 6-3 | WT: 218 | AGE: 21 | HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 258.3
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Stroud gets a downgrade in receiving talent moving from college to Houston, but there's plenty of long-term upside and room for 2023 flashes.

Stroud's college passing success is easy to see. He racked up 85 TD passes vs. just 12 interceptions, with a 69.3 percent completion rate and 9.8 yards per attempt. Playing with a stable of stud receivers obviously helped. What's sneakier is Stroud's potential rushing upside. He barely ran in college, both because he didn't need to and because he was likely discouraged from it. Stroud said ahead of the draft that he wished he had scrambled more at Ohio State. He'll need to in the NFL, though Houston did rank 13th in Football Outsiders' adjusted sack rate last year.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		17	3,570	18	16	1	38	200	1	4	258.3

27 RYAN TANNEHILL

HT: 6-4 | WT: 217 | AGE: 35 | TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 256.5
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Tannehill lacks significant upside. But he's an easy value as a late QB3 in best-ball drafts. He scored as QB25 in his nine full games last year.

The Titans waited until Round 2 to draft Will Levis and signed no free-agent competition for Tannehill. Getting rid of the veteran this offseason would have meant nearly $19 million in dead money. Barring Levis quickly showing he's a better option, Tannehill should be locked in as the starter, but he gets no significant upgrades in the receiving corps. WR Treylon Burks should offer more in Year 2 after losing six games to injury. Tennessee is planning a larger role for second-year TE Chigoziem Okonkwo as well.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	TEN	16	3,817	33	7	3	24	266	7	1	409.8
2021	TEN	17	3,734	21	14	2	47	270	7	4	310.4
2022	TEN	12	2,536	13	6	1	33	98	2	2	187.2
2023 Proj.		14	3,285	19	10	2	37	164	2	3	256.5

28 KYLER MURRAY

HT: 5-10 | WT: 207 | AGE: 26 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 254.7
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
There's obvious risk to Murray coming off the ACL tear. But that's baked into his ADP. You can take him as a QB2 and chase upside.

Murray sits this low in the rankings only because he looks like a good bet to miss at least a few games. He's working back from a December ACL tear, which means he'll be just nine months past it come Week 1. Joe Burrow made it back from a similarly timed 2020 injury to play all of the next season, but historical results on QB returns from ACL tears have been mixed. Murray gets a new coaching staff, which is probably good after the offense regressed under Kliff Kingsbury. The knee makes a rushing decline likely for 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	ARI	16	3,971	26	12	3	27	819	11	4	430.7
2021	ARI	14	3,787	24	10	3	31	423	5	0	348.5
2022	ARI	11	2,368	14	7	2	25	418	3	2	228.5
2023 Proj.		13	2,965	18	9	1	35	302	3	4	254.7

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BROCK PURDY

31 BROCK PURDY

HT: 6-1 | WT: 220 | AGE: 23 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 174.4
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Purdy doesn't approach the fantasy ceiling of Trey Lance (rushing). But he can become a Jared Goff-type contributor if the elbow is all good.

The 49ers continue to give hints that they'd prefer to start Purdy over former No. 3 overall pick Trey Lance. The biggest question might be when Purdy will actually be ready. He had early March surgery on a torn ligament in his right elbow, with an expected six-month recovery timeline. That bumps up against the start of the regular season. Purdy's progress bears watching through August. His fantasy-scoring average over six regular-season starts last year would have tied for 14th among QBs for the year.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2022	SF	9	1,374	13	4	0	11	13	1	0	132.3
2023 Proj.		10	2,324	16	7	0	19	41	0	2	174.4

32 SAM HOWELL

HT: 6-1 | WT: 220 | AGE: 22 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 174.2
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Washington paid up for Jacoby Brissett to back up Howell. Expect there to be a short leash if Howell wins the job out of camp.

ESPN's John Keim reported in May that Washington was "all in" on Howell, whom they graded as a second-round talent in the 2022 draft class. He did rack up 92 TDs vs. just 23 interceptions across three seasons of starting at North Carolina (37 games). Howell will work with a quality receiving group: Terry McLaurin, Jahan Dotson and slot Curtis Samuel. This season should also find better health for tight end Logan Thomas, who was coming off an early-December ACL tear heading into last season. Jacoby Brissett stands as Howell insurance.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2022	WAS	1	169	1	1	0	3	35	1	0	20.3
2023 Proj.		9	2,107	13	7	1	25	167	2	3	174.2

29 DESMOND RIDDER

HT: 6-3 | WT: 207 | AGE: 24 | ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 220.9
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
This will remain a run-heavy offense, which lowers the ceiling for Ridder. He's merely a QB3 option, with Taylor Heinicke as insurance.

The Falcons are rolling with Ridder to open his second season after making him sit through 13 games last year. His performance was no better than OK over the final four weeks, operating a run-heavy scheme. This year adds rookie RB Bijan Robinson and returns a healthy TE Kyle Pitts, who missed all of Ridder's 2022 starts. They join Drake London, who finished his rookie season sixth among all wideouts in target share. That crew should be enough to motivate more passing after Atlanta sported the second-most run-heavy offense in the league in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2022	ATL	4	708	2	0	0	9	64	0	2	42.7
2023 Proj.		14	2,550	15	9	1	31	275	3	4	220.9

33 JACOBY BRISSETT

HT: 6-4 | WT: 235 | AGE: 30 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 147.3
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Brissett has a shot to win the Commanders QB job if Sam Howell struggles this summer. Brissett is a nice stash either way for superflex leagues.

There are mixed reports on how much the Commanders are actually invested in Sam Howell. Head coach Ron Rivera said early on that he would not name a starter too early. The Commanders gave Brissett $8 million for 2023. That's the No. 23 salary among QBs, meaning he'll make more than at least nine starting QBs this season. Brissett's fantasy-scoring average over 11 starts with the Browns last year would have ranked 19th for the season.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	IND	11	17	0	0	0	2	19	3	0	20.6
2021	MIA	11	1,283	5	4	0	19	70	1	3	82.3
2022	CLE	16	2,608	12	6	1	24	243	2	4	192.6
2023 Proj.		8	1,894	11	5	0	21	128	1	3	147.3

30 BAKER MAYFIELD

HT: 6-1 | WT: 215 | AGE: 28 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 215.2
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE
Mayfield probably isn't the lock he seems to be to start in Tampa. Whoever wins the job will only be relevant because of the star receivers.

Training camp and preseason will tell us whether Mayfield is better than Kyle Trask. Mayfield is at least the far more experienced NFL quarterback. After washing out in his first season with Carolina, Mayfield gained notice for the Thursday night comeback win with the Rams. He didn't ultimately play any better there than with the Panthers, though. That's why a sixth-year former No. 1 overall pick could manage only a one-year, $4 million contract on the open market. If he starts, he gets to throw to WRs Mike Evans and Chris Godwin.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	CLE	16	3,563	26	8	2	26	165	1	4	300.1
2021	CLE	14	3,010	17	13	2	43	134	1	3	214.9
2022	CAR/LAR	12	2,163	10	8	0	36	89	1	2	141.4
2023 Proj.		14	2,805	18	10	1	38	119	1	4	215.2

34 TREY LANCE

HT: 6-4 | WT: 224 | AGE: 23 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 133.8
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Keep Lance on your dynasty rosters for now and consider him as a late stash in redraft. We'll see how the situation plays out.

Lance has started just four games in the two years since San Francisco traded up to draft him third overall. Yet the 49ers are indicating publicly and (reportedly) in private that they prefer Brock Purdy. If that proves true and Purdy's repaired right elbow is ready for the start of the season, then Lance should make for an attractive trade chip. And any team acquiring him would likely be doing so in hopes that he can become the starter. There's no way to know how good a passer he'll be in the NFL yet. But Lance's rushing makes him fantasy relevant.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2021	SF	6	603	5	2	0	4	168	1	0	74.9
2022	SF	2	194	0	1	0	2	67	0	0	12.5
2023 Proj.		6	1,179	7	4	0	10	291	4	2	133.8

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35 GARDNER MINSHEW

HT: 6-1 | WT: 225 | AGE: 27 | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 105.9

BYE WEEK: 11

ATHLON'S TAKE

Minshew won't be an exciting fantasy option for whatever games he starts. But you might be able to get a spot start or three from him.

The Colts clearly believe Anthony Richardson to be their QB of the future. But he started just 13 games in college. It shouldn't surprise anyone if he needs a little development time before he's ready for NFL action. On the other hand, Indy signed Minshew for just $3.5 million on a one-year deal, which doesn't guarantee him any amount of starting time. Minshew has flashed production as a starter in Jacksonville and Philadelphia but never sustained production. He'll get just decent weapons in Indy, led by WR Michael Pittman Jr.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	JAC	9	2,259	16	5	3	27	153	1	4	192.2
2021	PHI	4	439	4	1	0	5	21	0	0	41.7
2022	PHI	5	663	3	3	1	6	3	1	1	42.8
2023 Proj.		5	1,292	8	4	0	13	99	1	1	105.9

36 KYLE TRASK

HT: 6-5 | WT: 236 | AGE: 25 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 64.8

BYE WEEK: 5

ATHLON'S TAKE

Mike Evans and Chris Godwin make any Bucs starting QB a potential streamer. This isn't a situation to target in your drafts, though.

Trask has thrown just nine real-game passes since 2020, so we have no evidence of how he'll fare in the NFL. But his two starting seasons in college produced 68 TD passes vs. just 15 interceptions. He put up 9.1 yards per pass attempt. The 6-foot-5, 236-pounder is big but not mobile (5.08-second 40 time at his pro day). He should get a legitimate shot to beat Baker Mayfield, who struggled in Carolina and L.A. last season and then got just $4 million on a one-year deal in free agency. The prize will be throwing passes to WRs Mike Evans and Chris Godwin.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2021	TB		DNP								
2022	TB	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.9
2023 Proj.		4	877	5	3	0	8	23	0	0	64.8

37 COLT MCCOY

HT: 6-1 | WT: 212 | AGE: 37 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 48.2

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

McCoy is good for a surprise fantasy outing every once in a while, but he has never given us anything to believe in on a consistent basis.

McCoy registers here only because Kyler Murray's ACL recovery makes him uncertain to start the regular season on time. McCoy has averaged just 231 passing yards, 0.7 TDs and 12.3 rushing yards in six games of starter-level duty over his two years in Arizona. He's also recovering this offseason after a neck injury and concussion ended his 2022 early. McCoy might have to fend off fifth-round rookie Clayton Tune for the backup job. Tune started 44 games across five seasons at Houston, including every game he played the past four years.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	NYG	4	375	1	1	0	5	12	0	1	20.2
2021	ARI	8	740	3	1	1	6	37	0	1	47.3
2022	ARI	4	780	1	3	0	13	36	0	0	34.8
2023 Proj.		3	657	4	2	0	8	36	0	0	48.2

38 TAYLOR HEINICKE

HT: 6-1 | WT: 210 | AGE: 30 | ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 42.5

BYE WEEK: 11

ATHLON'S TAKE

Heinicke isn't that good and would step into a run-heavy offense. But having weapons like Kyle Pitts, Drake London and Bijan Robinson allows spot-start upside.

Among free-agent QBs who moved this offseason, only Derek Carr, Jimmy Garoppolo and Jacoby Brissett signed for larger annual salary averages than Heinicke's $7 million. The 2023 money indicates Atlanta got not only a quality backup, but also insurance in case Desmond Ridder doesn't work out. According to Pro Football Focus ratings, Heinicke declined as a passer in 2022 vs. already meager 2021 numbers. That would seem to line up with Washington allowing him to walk after the season and giving Jacoby Brissett more guaranteed money.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	WAS	1	137	1	0	0	1	22	0	0	13.7
2021	WAS	16	3,419	20	15	1	38	313	1	2	262.4
2022	WAS	9	1,859	12	6	0	19	96	1	5	140.0
2023 Proj.		3	552	3	2	0	7	43	0	0	42.5

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39 MIKE WHITE

HT: 6-5 | WT: 218 | AGE: 28 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 41.7
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
White would be a spot-start consideration if pressed into duty because WRs Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle can score from anywhere.

White landed in one of the best spots to be a backup QB. Tua Tagovailoa lost four full games in 2022 to at least two concussions. (It's not clear whether he suffered a third.) He also lost four-plus games to injuries in 2021. White has grabbed attention with some big fantasy outings among seven starts over the past two years. He topped 300 yards in three of those. It's worth noting he has averaged a pedestrian 7.0 yards per pass attempt and thrown multiple TD passes in a game only twice.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	NYJ		DNP								
2021	NYJ	4	953	5	8	1	4	-1	0	0	54.0
2022	NYJ	4	1,192	3	4	2	9	9	1	1	62.6
2023 Proj.		2	555	4	2	0	4	10	0	0	41.7

40 TYLER HUNTLEY

HT: 6-1 | WT: 204 | AGE: 25 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 36.9
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Huntley's draw is his mobility. But the upgrade in weapons will help him as a DFS option if he has to step in for Lamar Jackson again.

Huntley commanded fantasy attention by leading all QBs in scoring in Week 15 of 2021, with four total TDs in a loss to Green Bay. Overall, though, he's averaging just 15.0 fantasy points per game through 11 starter-level outings. If Lamar Jackson goes down again this season, Huntley will be pleased to find a dramatically upgraded receiving corps. Tight end Mark Andrews and wide receiver Rashod Bateman (foot injury) return. The Ravens also signed Odell Beckham Jr. and then drafted Zay Flowers. The offense looks poised for much more passing.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	BAL	2	15	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	2.9
2021	BAL	7	1,081	3	4	0	18	294	2	3	88.6
2022	BAL	6	658	2	3	0	7	137	1	0	54.0
2023 Proj.		2	391	2	1	0	6	75	0	0	36.9

41 WILL LEVIS

HT: 6-4 | WT: 229 | AGE: 24 | TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 33.0
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Levis' arm strength and mobility make him interesting long term. Questions about him and the Tennessee offense make 2023 uninviting.

Many thought he was a candidate for the NFL Draft's top five. Instead, Levis stayed on the board into Round 2. That doesn't change his ability. But it might speak to his chances of getting on the field this year. Ryan Tannehill looks locked in as the starter on a still-expensive contract. But Malik Willis disappointed as a rookie. Levis should quickly pass him on the depth chart. Beyond that, there's room for him to earn some starts for a Titans team projected to be middling at best. Levis will find little beyond Treylon Burks at wide receiver if he plays.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		3	434	2	2	0	8	47	0	0	33.0

42 MARCUS MARIOTA

HT: 6-4 | WT: 222 | AGE: 29 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 20.3
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Mariota arguably carries more upside than any other backup QB in the league. He's worth stashing in your superflex drafts.

Mariota fared decently in the league's second-most run-heavy offense in his lone Falcons season. He delivered his best passing-TD rate since 2016. But he also threw interceptions at higher than his career rate and fell short of his career yards per pass attempt despite having TE Kyle Pitts and WR Drake London. Mariota now backs up Jalen Hurts. If pressed into duty, he'll get WRs A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith and TE Dallas Goedert as weapons. He'll also run an offense that has helped Hurts pile up 23 rushing TDs over the past two years.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	LV	1	226	1	1	0	0	88	1	0	27.8
2021	LV	10	4	0	0	0	0	87	1	0	14.9
2022	ATL	13	2,219	15	9	0	28	438	4	3	226.6
2023 Proj.		1	233	1	1	0	3	26	0	0	20.3

43 JARRETT STIDHAM

HT: 6-3 | WT: 215 | AGE: 27 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 18.3
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Stidham needs much more than one big game to sell us on his value. Keep tabs on him as a superflex waiver option, though, if Russell Wilson falters.

After three quiet years in New England and 16 quiet weeks in Vegas, Stidham stepped in for Derek Carr and delivered a surprising 365 yards and three TDs in a narrow loss to San Francisco. After a much more pedestrian Week 18, Stidham left for Denver in free agency. Stidham signed a two-year, $10 million deal, a higher annual average than Baker Mayfield or Gardner Minshew got from their new teams. That doesn't indicate he'll threaten Russell Wilson's job, but he's there as insurance if Wilson continues to struggle.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	NE	5	256	2	3	0	4	7	0	0	16.9
2021											
2022	LV	5	656	4	3	1	7	84	0	1	50.6
2023 Proj.		1	234	1	1	0	3	16	0	0	18.3

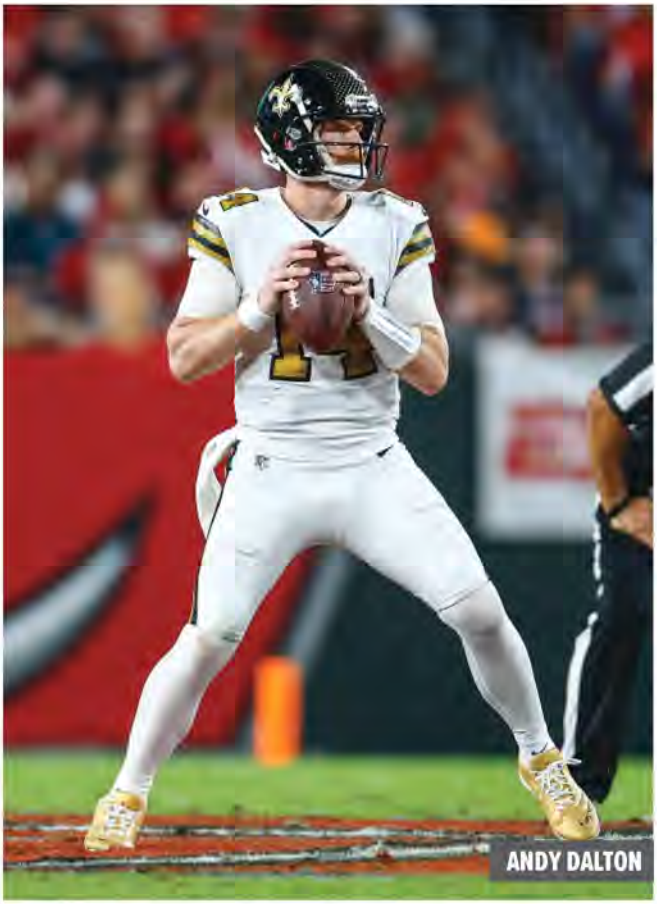
44 SAM DARNOLD

HT: 6-3 | WT: 225 | AGE: 26 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 17.5
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Any QB who starts for the 49ers has top-20 potential in a given week. We'll see how the 49ers QB depth chart plays out.

Darnold's $4.5 million salary for 2023 was noteworthy when San Francisco signed him with two other QBs already on the roster. He'll still likely need Trey Lance to find a new team to move up the depth chart, though. Brock Purdy's repaired right elbow remains a question mark. If he's not ready to start the year, then the situation becomes more open. The 49ers clearly aren't in love with Lance. Darnold has played his way off two teams already, but head coach Kyle Shanahan's scheme has already worked for QBs such as Nick Mullens and C.J. Beathard.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	NYJ	12	2,208	9	11	0	35	217	2	2	152.0
2021	CAR	12	2,527	9	13	3	35	222	5	4	175.3
2022	CAR	6	1,143	7	3	1	10	106	2	2	100.3
2023 Proj.		1	222	1	1	0	2	16	0	0	17.5



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47 ANDY DALTON

HT: 6-2 | WT: 220 | AGE: 35 | CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 17.0
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
If pressed into duty, Dalton would be throwing to a limited receiving group led by 33-year-old Adam Thielen. Look away.

Bryce Young is the future in Carolina, and the Panthers look poised to start that future right away. But it's worth noting that the rookie measured just sixth-percentile in weight at the NFL Scouting Combine. It's fair to wonder how well Young will withstand NFL hits. Despite bouncing to three different teams over the past three years, Dalton has started at least six games at each stop. Last year in New Orleans produced the highest completion rate of his career.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	DAL	11	2,170	14	8	1	24	114	0	1	164.4
2021	CHI	8	1,515	8	9	2	18	76	0	1	100.2
2022	NO	14	2,871	18	9	1	25	54	0	1	210.2
2023 Proj.		1	231	1	1	0	3	6	0	0	17.0

48 TYROD TAYLOR

HT: 6-1 | WT: 217 | AGE: 34 | NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 16.9
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
The Giants sport unexciting WRs no matter the QB. Taylor is an unexciting passer with any receivers. This isn't a situation to track.

Taylor heads into his second season as Daniel Jones' backup. That got him scant duty last year, but Jones lost eight games to injuries over the previous two seasons. Taylor has just 279 total pass attempts over the past five years, since leaving Buffalo. More than half of that came as Houston's 2021 starter. He has thrown almost as many interceptions (eight) as TDs (nine) in that time, while averaging 173.8 passing yards per start. He can still run, though. Taylor averaged 25.2 rushing yards per game across six starts for the Texans.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	LAC	1	208	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	9.0
2021	HOU	6	966	5	5	0	13	151	3	0	91.7
2022	NYG	3	58	1	1	0	3	70	0	1	13.3
2023 Proj.		1	208	1	1	0	3	21	0	0	16.9

45 MITCH TRUBISKY

HT: 6-2 | WT: 220 | AGE: 29 | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 17.4
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
The receiving options are pretty good, but the offense doesn't present a high ceiling. Trubisky isn't worth your attention in most leagues.

Trubisky had to know his starting run would be limited as soon as the Steelers selected Kenny Pickett in Round 1 in 2022. Neither QB performed especially well. Trubisky edged the rookie in the Pro Football Focus passing grade. Pickett edged Trubisky in adjusted completion rate. Both proved allergic to throwing TD passes. It'll be Pickett's job going forward, but Trubisky's 55 career starts make him one of the league's most experienced backups. WRs Diontae Johnson and George Pickens, TE Pat Freiermuth and RB Najee Harris are good for whoever's behind center.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	CHI	10	2,055	16	8	0	18	196	1	2	185.8
2021	BUF	6	43	0	1	0	0	24	1	0	8.1
2022	PIT	7	1,252	4	5	0	11	38	2	0	81.9
2023 Proj.		1	221	1	1	0	2	18	0	0	17.4

49 PJ WALKER

HT: 5-11 | WT: 216 | AGE: 28 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 16.8
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Walker has barely looked like an NFL QB across seven career starts to date. Even if Justin Fields goes down, there's not much value.

Chicago landed Walker in free agency as a good backup for Justin Fields. Walker got five starts in Carolina's musical-QBs approach last year. He averaged just 134.2 passing yards, even with a 317-yard effort at New Orleans inflating the number. Walker is reunited with wide receiver DJ Moore in their new home and would find a more talented receiver corps than the Panthers had if he's pressed into duty. It's not clear how much rushing upside Walker presents, though. He's averaging just 2.8 yards per carry on a mere 18 attempts so far.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2020	CAR	4	368	1	5	0	4	-2	0	0	10.5
2021	CAR	5	362	1	3	0	7	13	0	1	15.8
2022	CAR	6	731	3	3	1	7	39	0	0	45.1
2023 Proj.		1	244	1	1	0	3	6	0	0	16.8

46 CLAYTON TUNE

HT: 6-2 | WT: 216 | AGE: 24 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 17.3
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
The Tune-Colt McCoy competition will be worth watching this summer for superflex leagues, especially if you're playing dynasty.

Tune started 44 of the 47 games in which he appeared at Houston over the past five years. That included 27 starts over just the past two. He compiled 70 TDs vs. just 20 interceptions across 2021-22. And Tune can run: 1,253 rushing yards for his college career and a 4.64-second 40-yard dash at the Combine. In Arizona, he could battle Colt McCoy for the backup job right away. Win that, and there could be early playing time. Kyler Murray is working back from a December ACL tear that might threaten the start of his season.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		1	215	1	1	0	3	36	0	0	17.3

50 ZACH WILSON

HT: 6-2 | WT: 214 | AGE: 24 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 10.5
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
If Wilson had displayed any promise through two years, the Jets wouldn't have needed to pay for Aaron Rodgers. We'll see if he can rebound.

There's still another QB on the Jets? Head coach Robert Saleh said early this offseason that Wilson would be the backup in 2023. We'll see if that holds after a year that saw him play Mike White and even Chris Streveler (briefly) over the former No. 2 overall pick. Wilson has the physical ability, but his performance regressed in Year 2. Sitting behind Aaron Rodgers for at least a year should help. Rodgers also carries contract options through 2026, which would be his age-43 season. Wilson is signed through 2024.

Year	Team	GP	Pass Yds	Pass TDs	INT	300 YG	Sacked	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fum-lost	Fan Pts
2021	NYJ	13	2,334	9	11	0	44	185	4	1	169.9
2022	NYJ	9	1,688	6	7	2	23	102	1	1	110.4
2023 Proj.		1	136	1	0	0	1	14	0	0	10.5

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RUNNING BACKS

STAFF TOP 12s

	MICHAEL FABIANO	JENNIFER PIACENTI	KYLE WOOD	CRAIG ELLENPORT	MATT SCHAUF
1.	CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY	CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY	CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY	CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY	JONATHAN TAYLOR
2.	AUSTIN EKELER	AUSTIN EKELER	AUSTIN EKELER	AUSTIN EKELER	AUSTIN EKELER
3.	SAQUON BARKLEY	JONATHAN TAYLOR	JONATHAN TAYLOR	DERRICK HENRY	SAQUON BARKLEY
4.	BIJAN ROBINSON	DERRICK HENRY	SAQUON BARKLEY	JONATHAN TAYLOR	CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY
5.	JONATHAN TAYLOR	NICK CHUBB	JOSH JACOBS	SAQUON BARKLEY	BIJAN ROBINSON
6.	DERRICK HENRY	SAQUON BARKLEY	DERRICK HENRY	NICK CHUBB	NICK CHUBB
7.	NICK CHUBB	TONY POLLARD	NICK CHUBB	KENNETH WALKER III	JOE MIXON
8.	JOSH JACOBS	JOSH JACOBS	TONY POLLARD	TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.	TONY POLLARD
9.	TONY POLLARD	BIJAN ROBINSON	BIJAN ROBINSON	BIJAN ROBINSON	DERRICK HENRY
10.	BREECE HALL	TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.	TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.	JOSH JACOBS	RHAMONDRE STEVENSON
11.	RHAMONDRE STEVENSON	BREECE HALL	KENNETH WALKER III	RHAMONDRE STEVENSON	JOSH JACOBS
12.	KENNETH WALKER III	KENNETH WALKER III	BREECE HALL	BREECE HALL	JAMES CONNER
Rookie	BIJAN ROBINSON	BIJAN ROBINSON	BIJAN ROBINSON	BIJAN ROBINSON	BIJAN ROBINSON
Sleeper	RACHAAD WHITE	DAMEON PIERCE	DAMIEN HARRIS	NAJEE HARRIS	JAMES CONNER
Deep Sleeper	JAMES COOK	JAMES COOK	D'ONTA FOREMAN	JAHMYR GIBBS	ROSCHON JOHNSON
Bounce-Back	JONATHAN TAYLOR	JONATHAN TAYLOR	DAVID MONTGOMERY	JONATHAN TAYLOR	J.K. DOBBINS
Bust	ALVIN KAMARA	KENNETH WALKER III	JAMES CONNER	MILES SANDERS	KENNETH WALKER III
Injury Risk	J.K. DOBBINS	RASHAAD PENNY	J.K. DOBBINS	J.K. DOBBINS	JOSH JACOBS

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2023 RANKINGS

Rk	Player	Team	Bye
1	Christian McCaffrey	SF	9
2	Jonathan Taylor	IND	11
3	Austin Ekeler	LAC	5
4	Saquon Barkley	NYG	13
5	Bijan Robinson	ATL	11
6	Josh Jacobs	LV	13
7	Tony Pollard	DAL	7
8	Nick Chubb	CLE	5
9	Joe Mixon	CIN	7
10	Derrick Henry	TEN	7
11	Rhamondre Stevenson	NE	11
12	Jahmyr Gibbs	DET	9
13	Najee Harris	PIT	6
14	Travis Etienne Jr.	JAC	9
15	Breece Hall	NYJ	7
16	Dalvin Cook	MIN	13
17	James Conner	ARI	14
18	J.K. Dobbins	BAL	13
19	Miles Sanders	CAR	7
20	Rachaad White	TB	5
21	Aaron Jones	GB	6
22	David Montgomery	DET	9
23	Kenneth Walker III	SEA	5
24	Cam Akers	LAR	10
25	Isiah Pacheco	KC	10
26	Dameon Pierce	HOU	7
27	Javonte Williams	DEN	9
28	Damien Harris	BUF	13
29	Brian Robinson Jr.	WAS	14
30	AJ Dillon	GB	6
31	Alvin Kamara	NO	11
32	Jamaal Williams	NO	11
33	D'Andre Swift	PHI	10
34	Antonio Gibson	WAS	14
35	Devon Achane	MIA	10
36	Devin Singletary	HOU	7
37	Rashaad Penny	PHI	10
38	James Cook	BUF	13
39	Jeff Wilson Jr.	MIA	10
40	Samaje Perine	DEN	9
41	Jaylen Warren	PIT	6
42	Tank Bigsby	JAC	9
43	Zach Charbonnet	SEA	5
44	Leonard Fournette	FA	
45	Jerick McKinnon	KC	10
46	Tyjae Spears	TEN	7
47	Michael Carter	NYJ	7
48	Kyren Williams	LAR	10
49	Ezekiel Elliott	FA	
50	Kenneth Gainwell	PHI	10
51	Alexander Mattison	MIN	13
52	Chuba Hubbard	CAR	7
53	Elijah Mitchell	SF	9
54	Roschon Johnson	CHI	13
55	Khalil Herbert	CHI	13
56	D'Onta Foreman	CHI	13
57	Raheem Mostert	MIA	10
58	Cordarrelle Patterson	ATL	11
59	Kareem Hunt	FA	
60	Tyler Allgeier	ATL	11
61	Chase Edmonds	TB	5
62	Kendre Miller	NO	11
63	James Robinson	NE	11
64	Joshua Kelley	LAC	5
65	Gus Edwards	BAL	13
66	Jerome Ford	CLE	5
67	Travis Homer	CHI	13
68	Chase Brown	CIN	7
69	Pierre Strong Jr.	NE	11
70	Zamir White	LV	13
71	Zonovan Knight	NYJ	7
72	Eric Gray	NYG	13
73	Deuce Vaughn	DAL	7
74	Ameer Abdullah	LV	13
75	Chris Evans	CIN	7
76	Malik Davis	DAL	7
77	Boston Scott	PHI	10
78	Zack Moss	IND	11
79	Isaiah Spiller	LAC	5
80	Craig Reynolds	DET	9

WORKLOAD WATCH

	Touch/Game, 3-Yr	TCH	TPG	GP
1	Derrick Henry	1,016	25.4	40
2	Josh Jacobs	970	20.6	47
3	Dalvin Cook	942	21.4	44
4	Jonathan Taylor	860	20.0	43
5	Alvin Kamara	837	19.5	43
6	Ezekiel Elliott	828	17.6	47
7	David Montgomery	803	18.3	44
8	Nick Chubb	783	18.2	43
9	Austin Ekeler	757	17.6	43
10	Joe Mixon	744	20.7	36
11	Aaron Jones	743	16.2	46
12	Antonio Gibson	701	15.6	45
13	James Conner	672	16.4	41
14	Leonard Fournette	644	15.3	42
15	Devin Singletary	637	13.0	49

	Touch/Game, 2-Yr	TCH	TPG	GP
1	Josh Jacobs	664	20.8	32
2	Derrick Henry	619	25.8	24
3	Joe Mixon	604	20.1	30
4	Jonathan Taylor	592	21.1	28
5	Austin Ekeler	587	17.8	33
6	Dalvin Cook	586	19.5	30
7	Nick Chubb	577	18.6	31
8	Alvin Kamara	567	20.3	28
9	Saquon Barkley	555	19.1	29
10	Ezekiel Elliott	532	16.6	32
11	Leonard Fournette	511	17.0	30
12	David Montgomery	502	17.3	29
13	Antonio Gibson	495	16.0	31
14	Aaron Jones	495	15.5	32
15	James Conner	468	16.7	28

INJURY CONCERNS

CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

McCaffrey stayed healthy in '22 and put up 1,880 scrimmage yards and 13 touchdowns (throwing for another). That said, we're still talking about a player who has missed 23 games over the past three seasons.

JONATHAN TAYLOR, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Last season's consensus No. 1 pick in fantasy suffered an ankle injury in Week 4 and missed the next two games. He reinjured the ankle in Week 15, sat out the rest of the season and had arthroscopic surgery in January. Taylor is expected to be healthy to start the season.

JOE MIXON, CINCINNATI BENGALS

Mixon took a step back last season. In addition to missing two games due to a concussion, he was very inconsistent. He scored nine total touchdowns, but five came in one game.

DERRICK HENRY, TENNESSEE TITANS

Henry missed just one game last season, rushing for 1,538 yards and 13 TDs. But it was also his third season in the past four with 300-plus carries, and he's 29.

J.K. DOBBINS, BALTIMORE RAVENS

Dobbins not only missed all of 2021 with a torn ACL but also was brought back very slowly in '22 and lacked the explosiveness he showed as a rookie. He did finish the season stronger than he started it, though.

BREECE HALL, NEW YORK JETS

Hall had the third-most fantasy points among RBs in Weeks 5-6. A week later, however, a torn ACL ended his season. The Jets do expect him to be ready for the start of the season. He's a valuable weapon, provided he's back at 100 percent.

JAVONTE WILLIAMS, DENVER BRONCOS

There were great expectations for Williams in 2022. Alas, he suffered a major knee injury (he tore the ACL and MCL in his right knee and damaged other ligaments) early in the season. Even if he is ready for the start of the season, the severity of the injury means it might take him a while to return to form.

DAMIEN HARRIS, BUFFALO BILLS

Harris missed six games due to injury last season, but the Patriots' decision to not re-sign him had more to do with the emergence of Rhamondre Stevenson. He may not get as many goal-line opportunities, but a healthy Harris should be productive.

RASHAAD PENNY, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Penny was Seattle's No. 1 running back following a solid end to the 2021 season, and he got off to a good start. Then he broke his fibula in Week 5, and his season was over. He'll get a fresh start in Philadelphia, where he'll run behind a much better line.

ELIJAH MITCHELL, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Mitchell sprained his MCL in Week 1 — which led the team to trade for Christian McCaffrey. When Mitchell returned late in the season, it was clear that the 49ers planned to keep him busy despite McCaffrey's presence. Mitchell will get touches if healthy.

JONATHAN TAYLOR

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01 CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY

HT: 5-11 | WT: 205 | AGE: 27 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 255.4
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Betting against McCaffrey has never been a good idea. He has remained a top scorer across situational changes for years.

McCaffrey switched teams midyear and scored five fewer TDs than Austin Ekeler. Yet he fell just one point per game short of Ekeler's position lead. McCaffrey faces a workload challenge from a healthy Elijah Mitchell. He averaged 16.5 opportunities in six games with Mitchell vs. 19.9 overall with the 49ers (playoffs included). But Brock Purdy over Trey Lance will counter some of that by helping pass volume and allotting fewer carries to the QB. McCaffrey's career half-PPR scoring average sits at 19.1 points, which would have tied Ekeler's lead for 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CAR	3	59	225	5	0	0	17	149	1	81.9
2021	CAR	7	99	442	1	0	0	37	343	1	109.0
2022	CAR/SF	17	244	1,139	8	5	0	85	741	5	315.9
2023 Proj.		16	206.7	971.5	7.6	5	1	70.8	588	3.4	255.4

02 JONATHAN TAYLOR

HT: 5-10 | WT: 226 | AGE: 24 | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 282.7
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Anthony Richardson might challenge Taylor's TDs, but a better offense would help everyone. Buy Taylor's upside at a discount vs. 2022.

An ankle sprain and losing team conspired to cut down Taylor in 2023. For his career, Taylor has averaged 50 fewer rushing yards and 7.3 fewer half-PPR points in 20 losses vs. 22 wins. The Colts will need to do better than 2-8-1 for him to approach his fantasy ceiling. But Taylor remains Indy's workhorse. He reached 20 carries in seven of the eight games in which he reached 70 percent playing time last year. Rookie QB Anthony Richardson could siphon some red-zone carries if/when he takes over the offense.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	IND	15	232	1,169	11	3	1	36	299	1	234.8
2021	IND	17	332	1,811	18	10	2	40	360	2	353.1
2022	IND	11	192	861	4	2	3	28	143	0	132.4
2023 Proj.		16	309.4	1,454.4	11.8	6	2	45.9	367.2	1.8	282.7

03 AUSTIN EKELER

HT: 5-10 | WT: 200 | AGE: 28 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 261.3
BYE WEEK: 8
ATHLON'S TAKE
Ekeler is a dynamic runner and receiver in an already-strong offense that could be even better in 2023. Ignore the risk; buy the upside.

Ekeler led all fantasy backs in PPR and half-PPR scoring last year, catching 22 more passes than anyone else at the position and leading the league in total TDs. This offseason has brought a contract squabble that complicates his 2023 outlook. But the Chargers didn't draft a RB, leaving weak insurance behind Ekeler. Assuming he plays, Ekeler would remain the lead back in an offense that dumped its coordinator in favor of former Dallas OC Kellen Moore. Two of Moore's four Cowboys offenses led the league in yards.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	LAC	10	116	530	1	0	0	54	403	2	138.3
2021	LAC	16	206	911	12	1	3	70	647	8	308.8
2022	LAC	17	204	915	13	2	3	107	722	5	319.2
2023 Proj.		16	193.2	859.6	8.7	1	2	81.5	611.4	4.2	261.3

04 SAQUON BARKLEY

HT: 6-0 | WT: 232 | AGE: 26 | NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 258.1
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Barkley is one of the league's few remaining rushing-receiving workhorses. Only injury can stop him from helping your fantasy team.

Barkley rebounded from three straight injury-shortened seasons to rank among the top five in carries and yards last season. His top-six finish across fantasy formats included just the third-best scoring average among Barkley's six seasons. There's room for the Giants to improve further on offense. They ranked just 15th in scoring and 18th in total yards despite finishing 10th in Football Outsiders' offensive DVOA. They franchise-tagged Barkley to keep him from free agency and then added only a fifth-rounder to the backfield.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	NYG	2	19	34	0	0	0	6	60	0	12.4
2021	NYG	13	162	593	2	1	1	41	263	2	128.1
2022	NYG	16	295	1,312	10	4	0	57	338	0	255.5
2023 Proj.		16	275	1223.5	9.6	4	1	57.3	401.4	1.9	258.1

TONY POLLARD

05 BIJAN ROBINSON

HT: 5-11 | WT: 215 | AGE: 21 | ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 252.6
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
The Falcons drafted Robinson to be a marquee playmaker. He'll get plenty of touches and is electric. You'll have to pay to get him, though.

The Falcons didn't invest much in RBs over head coach Arthur Smith's first two years. They signed Mike Davis, Cordarrelle Patterson and Damien Williams to small free-agent deals. They grabbed Tyler Allgeier in Round 5 after drafting no RBs in 2021. That they spent the eighth overall pick on Robinson shows how much they value him. GM Terry Fontenot said they want to play "positionless" football, which indicates that Robinson will see plenty of receiving usage, likely from varying alignments.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		17	284.2	1392.6	10	6	0	36	233.5	2	252.6

06 JOSH JACOBS

HT: 5-10 | WT: 220 | AGE: 25 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 248.3
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
It's not really fair to project an injury for Jacobs. But it is fine to pass over him at ADP for the risk he carries in that area.

Jacobs ran for 115 more yards than anyone else in head coach Josh McDaniels' first season. So after declining his fifth-year option in 2022, the Raiders franchise-tagged him in 2023. Vegas added nothing to the position in the draft. Zamir White and Ameer Abdullah presented no challenge last year to Jacobs, who trailed only Derrick Henry in opportunity share (carries plus targets). The biggest challenge for Jacobs might be staying healthy through another huge workload. RBs rarely reach 360 opportunities in consecutive seasons.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	LV	15	273	1,065	12	2	2	33	238	0	214.8
2021	LV	15	217	872	9	2	2	54	348	0	199.0
2022	LV	17	340	1,653	12	6	1	53	400	0	301.8
2023 Proj.		16	274.7	1250	9.6	5	2	50.3	367.5	1.3	248.3

07 TONY POLLARD

HT: 6-0 | WT: 209 | AGE: 26 | DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 233.4
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
The biggest question here: Can the Cowboys avoid overworking the 209-pound Pollard? Make sure you draft insurance.

Pollard finished seventh among RBs in half-PPR points last year, despite missing a game and ranking just 25th in opportunity share. Dallas then franchise-tagged him and released Ezekiel Elliott. The Cowboys added only Ronald Jones II and sixth-round pick Deuce Vaughn to the backfield. So expect more touches for Pollard, especially in an offense that ranked sixth in rushing attempts last year and led the league in RB touches. Pollard comes off a career high in yards per catch and his third season of more than five yards per carry.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	DAL	16	101	435	4	0	0	28	193	1	106.8
2021	DAL	15	130	719	2	1	0	39	337	0	137.1
2022	DAL	16	193	1,007	9	3	0	39	371	3	229.3
2023 Proj.		16	225.6	1082.9	9	4	2	48.2	390.2	2	233.4

08 NICK CHUBB

HT: 5-11 | WT: 227 | AGE: 27 | CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 233.4
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Chubb could lose some carries and still improve by getting more scoring chances and less attention with an improved pass offense.

Last season marked just the second time in five years that Chubb has started every game. He delivered career highs in carries and yards. He has cracked 5.0 yards per carry every year. Chubb has finished four straight seasons between 88.9 and 93.4 rushing yards per game. Over that span, only Derrick Henry has more rushing yards. And only Dalvin Cook sits within 600 yards of Chubb. The first full season of QB Deshaun Watson should mean improvement for the offense, which also added WR talent. Kareem Hunt's departure also leaves more carries for Chubb.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CLE	12	190	1,067	12	6	1	16	150	0	199.7
2021	CLE	14	228	1,259	8	5	1	20	174	1	205.3
2022	CLE	17	302	1,525	12	7	1	27	239	1	267.9
2023 Proj.		16	225.6	1082.9	9	4	2	48.2	390.2	2	233.4

NICK CHUBB

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DERRICK HENRY

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10 DERRICK HENRY

HT: 6-3 | WT: 247 | AGE: 29 | TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 228.9

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

Decline is likely at this stage of Henry's career. But that's already baked into this ranking and his ADP. He remains a solid bet at cost.

Trade rumors amounted to nothing through the offseason. Perhaps a rebuilding Titans team deals the 29-year-old before the in-season deadline. As it is, Henry is set to reprise his workhorse role in the situation that made him the league leader in opportunity share last year. Henry lost 21 rushing yards per game off his 2021 average and still ranked second in the league. He also set a career high in receiving yards per game. We'll see how much third-round rookie Tyjae Spears will factor in 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	TEN	16	378	2,027	17	10	2	19	114	0	323.6
2021	TEN	8	219	937	10	5	0	18	154	0	186.3
2022	TEN	16	349	1,538	13	9	3	33	398	0	288.3
2023 Proj.		16	284.3	1250.8	10	8	2	31.9	258.6	1	228.9

11 RHAMONDRE STEVENSON

HT: 6-0 | WT: 230 | AGE: 25 | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 221.4

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Stevenson's receiving work is the main reason to buy him in this range. Barring a huge summer for Pierre Strong Jr., Stevenson looks fairly safe.

Damien Harris' free-agent departure removed the only significant challenger to Stevenson's work in 2022. All other RBs combined for just 38 carries and eight targets. We'd bet on 2022 rookies Pierre Strong Jr. and Kevin Harris doing more in 2023. Free-agent addition James Robinson has a 1,000-yard rushing season behind him. But Robinson's contract isn't big enough to guarantee he even makes the roster. And the other two were Day 3 picks. Stevenson also ranked 14th in opportunity share with Damien Harris around.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	NE	12	133	606	5	2	1	14	123	0	107.9
2022	NE	17	210	1,040	5	2	1	69	421	1	214.6
2023 Proj.		16	205.4	965.6	7	3	2	60.9	438.2	2.1	221.4

12 JAHMYR GIBBS

HT: 5-11 | WT: 200 | AGE: 21 | DETROIT LIONS

EFP: 197.3

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

The draft capital spent on Gibbs points to immediate opportunity. His speed and college production point to him delivering value.

The Lions spent the 12th overall pick on Gibbs despite recently signing David Montgomery to join D'Andre Swift. That tells you they at least view Gibbs as an upgrade over Swift, whom they traded later that weekend. The question will be whether Gibbs garners more opportunities than Montgomery. He might not need to. Detroit totaled the third-most RB touches in 2022, with Swift and Jamaal Williams as the leaders. Gibbs' 4.36 speed produced 5.6 yards per carry across three collegiate seasons and 11.8 yards per catch over 103 receptions.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		15	144.6	722.9	5.5	1	1	58.1	494	2.6	197.3

09 JOE MIXON

HT: 6-1 | WT: 220 | AGE: 27 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 230.4

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Mixon has the same good situation and less proven touch competition. He has been going way too late in early drafts. Target him in yours.

Mixon avoided significant enough legal trouble to generate a suspension. And despite rumors they might cut Mixon, the Bengals allowed Samaje Perine to leave in free agency. They then waited until Round 5 to draft Chase Brown. That's not how a team replaces its starter. Mixon's advanced metrics aren't special. But he has finished each of the past three seasons among the top 10 RBs in half-PPR points per game. He remains in a great spot, in an offense that ranked seventh in scoring each of the past two years.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CIN	6	119	428	3	1	1	21	138	1	89.1
2021	CIN	16	292	1,205	13	3	1	42	314	3	266.9
2022	CIN	14	210	814	7	1	0	60	441	2	209.5
2023 Proj.		16	239.3	957.4	8.9	1	1	55	407.3	2.5	230.4

13 NAJEE HARRIS

HT: 6-1 | WT: 242 | AGE: 25 | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 197.3

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Harris provides limited efficiency, and the Steelers don't look likely to explode. He's OK as a PPR volume play but not exciting.

Harris was a different player before and after the bye last season. He averaged just 3.3 yards per rush and 4.7 per reception over the first eight games. From Week 10 on, those numbers jumped to 4.1 and 6.9. He also saw nearly six more carries per game as the offense increased its run rate. And Harris improved his advanced metrics. Jaylen Warren ate into his touches, but that didn't increase late in the year. And then Pittsburgh added nothing to the backfield. The Steelers should improve on their No. 26 rank in scoring.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	PIT	17	307	1,200	7	3	0	74	467	3	263.7
2022	PIT	17	272	1,034	7	1	2	41	229	3	203.0
2023 Proj.		16	248.9	995.7	7	2	2	42.2	278.6	1.8	197.3

TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.

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14 TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.

HT: 5-10 | WT: 215 | AGE: 24 | JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 196.2
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Etienne is tough to dislike in an ascending offense. But the lack of receiving and Tank Bigsby's arrival should give you pause.

Etienne averaged 19.1 carries per game in seven healthy regular-season outings after the James Robinson trade in 2022. But head coach Doug Pederson said afterward that an offense needed multiple backs. And then the team drafted Tank Bigsby in Round 3. Bigsby ran like a workhorse at Auburn and had a 15 percent target share in 2022. Etienne lagged in receiving usage even after Robinson left. He did catch 102 passes across four years at Clemson, though — most of those from Trevor Lawrence.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	JAC	DNP - Injury									
2022	JAC	17	220	1,125	5	5	3	35	316	0	187.6
2023 Proj.		16	215.7	1003	7.5	4	2	35.5	287.4	1.4	196.2

15 BREECE HALL

HT: 6-1 | WT: 220 | AGE: 22 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 194.2
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Watch Hall's progress through the summer. The upside is high, but excitement will keep his ADP in a risky range coming off injury.

Hall opened his rookie season splitting work with Michael Carter and getting the shorter end of it. The Jets seemed to realize this was a mistake by Week 3, though. Hall went from 21 total carries through three games to 23, 20 and 22 opportunities in the next three. He appeared on pace for a top-five fantasy season before a Week 7 left ACL tear. Head coach Robert Saleh said in April that Hall looked "fantastic" in his recovery. The team added only fifth-round pick Israel Abanikanda and expects to have Hall for the opener.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	NYJ	7	80	463	4	1	1	19	218	1	105.6
2023 Proj.		14	202.8	912.8	6.4	2	1	43	348.2	1.7	194.2

16 DALVIN COOK

HT: 5-10 | WT: 210 | AGE: 28 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 194.2
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Cook's 2023 will come down to how much touch volume he can command. He remains effective enough to produce when he gets the ball.

Cook's bloated contract (for a RB) contributed to a tumultuous offseason. But he remained an effective player in 2022. Cook's 3.16 yards after contact per carry was the second-best rate of his career, according to Pro Football Focus. He also rebounded from dips in yards per catch and PFF's elusive rating, which measures a player's production beyond what's been blocked. Football Outsiders, on the other hand, rated Cook outside the top 30 RBs in rushing DVOA and success rate each of the past two years. He ranked in the top 10 before that.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	MIN	14	312	1,557	16	8	3	44	361	1	315.8
2021	MIN	13	249	1,159	6	4	2	34	224	0	189.3
2022	MIN	17	264	1,173	8	2	4	39	295	2	218.3
2023 Proj.		15	238.1	1023.8	7.6	3	2	34.4	257.8	1.2	194.2

17 JAMES CONNER

HT: 6-1 | WT: 233 | AGE: 28 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 193.9
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Fantasy drafters love to doubt Conner. He faces little backfield competition, though, and he has produced when healthy. He's a strong value.

Conner's $8.5 million cap number for 2023 made him the heavy favorite to lead this backfield. Arizona only solidified that by barely adding anything to the group. Conner remains a good bet to miss a few games; he has lost at least two every season. But he has also finished three of his six NFL campaigns among the position's top 10 in fantasy points per game. That included each of his two Arizona seasons to date. QB Kyler Murray's recovery from a November ACL tear could mean even more reliance on the backfield.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	PIT	13	169	721	6	3	0	35	215	0	147.1
2021	ARI	15	202	752	15	0	0	37	375	3	239.2
2022	ARI	13	183	782	7	1	1	46	300	1	177.2
2023 Proj.		14	205.3	821.1	7.2	1	2	53.4	362.8	1.6	193.9

18 J.K. DOBBINS

HT: 5-10 | WT: 212 | AGE: 24 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 192.8
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Dobbins easily beats Gus Edwards on upside and should be a lot healthier. He's an attractive upside bet anywhere in low-RB2 territory.

Dobbins made two separate returns last year. He clearly wasn't ready the first time, managing just 41 touches across four games before succumbing to arthroscopic knee surgery. In his second return, Dobbins cracked 120 rushing yards two straight times. He got scant receiving usage, which figures to remain a limiting factor. Dobbins can produce as a receiver, but Lamar Jackson's Ravens haven't targeted the position much. We'll see how new coordinator Todd Monken splits work between Dobbins and Gus Edwards.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	BAL	15	134	805	9	2	0	18	120	0	159.5
2021		DNP - Injury									
2022	BAL	8	92	520	2	2	0	7	42	1	77.7
2023 Proj.		16	211.8	1080.4	7.4	3	1	29.8	214.7	1	192.8

19 MILES SANDERS

HT: 5-11 | WT: 210 | AGE: 26 | CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 191.5
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Sanders ran effectively in Philly but lost receiving work. His new contract says expect a rebound. He brings significant upside.

Sanders got the biggest free-agent contract among RBs this offseason. Carolina gave him a year more than anyone else at the position got. Only he and David Montgomery reached $6 million in annual average. Sanders played under new Panthers RBs coach Duce Staley his first two years and called Staley a key draw in Carolina. Those two seasons saw Sanders average 4.1 targets per game. That dipped to 2.1 per game over the past two years. Expect a rebound there in an offense light on playmakers.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	PHI	12	164	867	6	2	2	28	197	0	156.4
2021	PHI	12	137	754	0	2	1	26	158	0	104.2
2022	PHI	17	259	1,269	11	3	2	20	78	0	206.7
2023 Proj.		16	233.9	1064.3	6.1	2	2	38.2	267.4	1.1	191.5

RACHAAD WHITE

20 RACHAAD WHITE

HT: 6-0 | WT: 214 | AGE: 24 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 191.1
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
The QB switch leaves big questions for the Bucs offense on the whole. But White's in for plenty of touches as a runner and receiver.

The Bucs looked like prime candidates to draft a RB but didn't. They added only Chase Edmonds and undrafted free agent Sean Tucker to a backfield that shed Leonard Fournette. That leaves White as the clear lead back and a potential workhorse. He delivered unimpressive rushing efficiency behind a bad O-line as a rookie but ranked 11th among RBs in receptions, even with Fournette. Expect less passing volume with Tom Brady gone. The O-line gets a healthy C Ryan Jensen and Round 2 rookie Cody Mauch.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	TB	17	129	481	1	1	3	50	290	2	114.1
2023 Proj.		16	219.5	855.9	5.9	1	2	50.9	366.7	2	191.1

21 AARON JONES

HT: 5-9 | WT: 208 | AGE: 28 | GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 189.3
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
The quarterback switch might affect Jones more than any other Packer. He's still a decent risk to take at the right price, low in RB2 range.

Jones showed no signs of decline in his age-27 season, even outperforming younger teammate AJ Dillon by efficiency metrics. Jones' value, though, has long relied heavily on receptions and strong TD rates. He has scored on 4.7 percent of his career touches. NFL RBs altogether scored on 3.1 percent of their touches last season. Switching from Aaron Rodgers to Jordan Love will likely challenge Green Bay's TD efficiency. Love's scrambling ability — 73rd-percentile 40 time among QBs — also could siphon some outlet pass attempts.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	GB	14	201	1,104	9	7	0	47	355	2	235.4
2021	GB	15	171	799	4	1	1	52	391	6	203.0
2022	GB	17	213	1,121	2	5	3	59	395	5	219.1
2023 Proj.		15	186	874.3	4.7	2	2	51.1	383.3	2.3	189.3

22 DAVID MONTGOMERY

HT: 5-10 | WT: 222 | AGE: 26 | DETROIT LIONS

EFP: 186.7
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
There's room for both Montgomery and Jahmyr Gibbs to help fantasy teams. Two Lions RBs ranked in the top 24 in points per game last year.

The Lions gave Montgomery the second-largest annual average salary among RBs in this year's free-agent market. But then they spent the 12th overall pick on Jahmyr Gibbs. That removes lead-back upside. And Gibbs' presence likely lowers the reception ceiling for Montgomery. But the veteran outweighs the rookie by more than 20 pounds and should at least command more goal-line work. Jamaal Williams had 12 more carries inside the 5-yard line than any other RB in the league as a 2022 Lion.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CHI	15	247	1,070	8	4	1	54	438	2	237.8
2021	CHI	13	225	849	7	2	1	42	301	0	174.0
2022	CHI	16	201	801	5	1	2	34	316	1	160.7
2023 Proj.		16	221.7	908.9	9.8	1	2	27.6	212.2	1	186.7

23 KENNETH WALKER III

HT: 5-9 | WT: 211 | AGE: 23 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 175.4
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Walker was a boom/bust runner as a rookie and now must share work with a fellow Round 2 pick. He's a risky pick any higher than this.

Walker looked poised for a top-10 fantasy season in 2023. And then his team drafted Zach Charbonnet in Round 2 as the third RB off the board. Head coach Pete Carroll praised the rookie's pass-catching ability after the draft, an area that has been a question for Walker since he was a prospect. Walker tied for just 33rd among RBs in receptions last season, despite getting the 11th-most carries. He also lagged in rushing efficiency. Football Outsiders rated Walker 38th in DVOA and 41st in success rate among 42 qualifiers.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	SEA	15	228	1,050	9	5	0	27	165	0	189.0
2023 Proj.		16	221.6	1008.5	7.8	6	2	22.3	158.1	0.8	175.4

24 CAM AKERS

HT: 5-10 | WT: 217 | AGE: 24 | LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 171.3
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Akers still has to prove he can stay healthy and deliver numbers over a full season. But he's well set up to lead the Rams' backfield.

Akers got over personal issues with the team to play 70 percent or more of snaps in each of the final six games last year. He delivered the fourth-most PPR points among all RBs over that stretch. That level isn't sustainable. Even then, Akers ranked just 15th in the NFL in opportunity share (carries plus targets). But it shows the upside. His competition consists of Kyren Williams, an athletically limited former fifth-round pick, and sixth-round rookie Zach Evans. The O-line added a Round 2 guard but still has questions to answer.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	LAR	12	145	625	2	1	1	11	123	1	96.3
2021	LAR	1	5	3	0	0	0	3	10	0	2.8
2022	LAR	15	188	786	7	3	2	13	117	0	134.8
2023 Proj.		15	206.2	896.9	6.8	2	2	29.2	230.4	1.2	171.3

25 ISIAH PACHECO

HT: 5-10 | WT: 216 | AGE: 24 | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 170.2
BYE WEEK: 8
ATHLON'S TAKE
Pacheco averaged a solid 15.1 opportunities per game over the final 12 weeks. That's a reasonable expectation for his full second year.

Pacheco played through a torn labrum through much of his rookie year, requiring surgery shortly after the Super Bowl. He still wound up with 98 more carries than anyone else on the team. Kansas City then made no significant additions to the backfield. Jerick McKinnon re-signed and figures to lead the backfield in receiving. Clyde Edwards-Helaire remains but found himself marginalized in Year 3. He's in the final season of his rookie deal. Among 51 RBs with 90-plus carries, Pacheco ranked 14th in yards after contact per attempt.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	KC	17	170	830	5	1	2	13	130	0	128.5
2023 Proj.		16	217.9	1013.4	7.6	2	2	18.3	144.6	0.6	170.2

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26 DAMEON PIERCE

HT: 5-10 | WT: 218 | AGE: 23 | HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 169.5

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

Pierce should be better prepared for his second NFL season, and he also should be managed better. He's a solid low-RB2 with upside.

The Texans needed to add a RB after Pierce dominated work as a rookie and seemed to wear down late. He averaged just 3.0 yards per carry and 4.9 per catch from Weeks 11-14, before a high-ankle sprain cost him the remaining four contests. Houston opted to add only Devin Singletary on a smallish one-year deal. The Bills let Singletary walk after four years and signed Damien Harris and Latavius Murray instead, which doesn't frame him well. Pierce averaged 4.7 yards per carry before his slowdown.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	HOU	13	220	939	4	2	2	30	165	1	151.4
2023 Proj.		16	209.3	920.7	5.2	3	2	35	255.7	1.2	169.5

27 JAVONTE WILLIAMS

HT: 5-10 | WT: 220 | AGE: 23 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 165.1

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Williams should go late enough in drafts to be worth the gamble. Just keep an eye on reports throughout the summer.

The former second-round pick looked like a potential 2022 breakout player before he tore the ACL and LCL in his left knee on Oct. 2. The second ligament makes it a trickier recovery and could affect Williams' availability into the season. Denver signed Samaje Perine in free agency, but he has always been more complement than backfield leader in the NFL. The team has been hesitant to name a return date for Williams, so we'll have to watch for late free-agent additions as potential indicators of his status.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	DEN	17	203	903	4	2	1	43	316	3	183.4
2022	DEN	4	47	204	0	0	1	16	76	0	34.0
2023 Proj.		14	181.4	708.2	5.4	1	1	37	274	1.5	165.1

28 DAMIEN HARRIS

HT: 5-11 | WT: 213 | AGE: 26 | BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 159.3

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Harris should be a solid RB for Buffalo like Devin Singletary was. But he'll have a hard time being more than frustrating in fantasy.

Buffalo let Devin Singletary walk in favor of signing Harris after the former spent four years with the team. That likely indicates they consider the former Patriot to be an upgrade. But Pro Football Focus numbers say Singletary has averaged more yards after contact per carry (3.04 vs. 2.89) and forced more missed tackles per run (0.22 vs. 0.15). Harris should take the carry lead for a Buffalo backfield that cedes rushing TDs to QB Josh Allen. Harris will compete for receiving work with James Cook and Nyheim Hines.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	NE	10	137	691	2	3	0	5	52	0	88.8
2021	NE	15	202	929	15	5	2	18	132	0	201.1
2022	NE	11	106	462	3	0	0	17	97	0	82.4
2023 Proj.		15	190.3	903.8	8	1	1	16.4	116.7	0.5	159.3

29 BRIAN ROBINSON JR.

HT: 6-1 | WT: 228 | AGE: 24 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 159.0

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

Robinson returned from an Aug. 28 shooting to immediately take the Washington rushing lead from Antonio Gibson. There's upside beyond his rookie numbers.

We all should have expected a rookie RB coming off a late-August gunshot wound to start slowly. Robinson averaged just 3.3 yards per carry over his first six games in 2022. From Week 11 on, though, that jumped to 4.4 per rush. Robinson also climbed from 15.5 carries and 0.7 targets per game in the first span to 18.7 and 1.3 for the latter. Washington waited until Round 6 to add Chris Rodriguez Jr. and let J.D. McKissic walk. So the backfield once again belongs to Robinson and Antonio Gibson.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	WAS	12	205	797	2	1	0	9	60	1	108.2
2023 Proj.		16	231.6	984.1	6.7	1	2	17	122.7	0.6	159.0

30 AJ DILLON

HT: 6-0 | WT: 247 | AGE: 25 | GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 153.6

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

Dillon is four years younger than Aaron Jones. So decline should be more of a concern for the latter. Dillon's an upside play based on his ADP.

Dillon's yards per carry, yards after contact per carry and Pro Football Focus elusive rating all dipped in his third season. His six TDs over the final six games masked an otherwise lackluster finish that included just 3.4 yards per rush after the Week 14 bye. Fortunately for him, Green Bay has given no indication of plans to change the backfield. The QB switch from Aaron Rodgers to Jordan Love could mean even more reliance on the run. Green Bay ranked 10th in early-down pass rate in 2020, 11th in 2021 and 18th last year.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	GB	9	46	242	2	1	0	2	21	0	39.3
2021	GB	17	187	803	5	0	1	34	313	2	168.6
2022	GB	17	186	770	7	0	0	28	206	0	153.6
2023 Proj.		16	176.5	750.1	6.7	0	1	27.5	206	1	153.6

31 ALVIN KAMARA

HT: 5-10 | WT: 215 | AGE: 28 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 148.7

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

A better QB and better offense should help Kamara's receiving and TD chances. He's going late enough to chase upside and ignore risk.

The key to evaluating Kamara for 2023 will be focusing on the games he does play, given his looming suspension. His carries and rushing yards per game dipped last year vs. 2021. He averaged the second-fewest yards per catch of his career. How much of that should we blame on a poor offense with limited QB play (Jameis Winston and Andy Dalton)? Derek Carr marks an improvement. But New Orleans also signed Jamaal Williams and drafted Kendre Miller. At 28, Kamara will need to rebound in efficiency to counteract challenges to his touch volume.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	NO	15	187	932	16	1	0	83	756	5	336.3
2021	NO	13	240	898	4	3	0	47	439	5	211.2
2022	NO	15	223	897	2	2	4	57	490	2	183.2
2023 Proj.		11	141.6	594.5	3.5	1	1	43.8	363.8	2	148.7

32 JAMAAL WILLIAMS

HT: 6-0 | WT: 224 | AGE: 28 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 144.7

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

The possibility that Alvin Kamara will miss significant time adds upside to Williams, as long as you don't have to take him too early.

Williams isn't likely to reprise last season. Those Lions tallied the league's third-most RB touches and scored rushing TDs at a league-high 5.4 percent rate. Williams logged 12 more carries inside the 5-yard line (28) than any other RB. He won't get so large a share when Alvin Kamara's on the field — and might not even lead the Saints in that category. New Orleans also drafted Kendre Miller in Round 3. The Saints at least figure to run more than last year, when they ranked 29th in RB carries per game.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	GB	14	119	505	2	0	0	31	236	1	111.6
2021	DET	13	153	601	3	0	0	26	157	0	106.8
2022	DET	17	262	1,066	17	2	2	12	73	0	219.9
2023 Proj.		16	169.9	696.4	6.5	0	1	26.9	180.5	1.1	144.7

33 D'ANDRE SWIFT

HT: 5-9 | WT: 215 | AGE: 24 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 141.9

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Swift sits low because of the murky situation. He could remain frustrating, or he could claim the touch lead and carry top-15 fantasy upside.

The Lions clearly soured on Swift even before drafting Jahmyr Gibbs 12th overall. He set career lows in carries per game and receptions per game last season, despite going for a career-best 6.3 yards per touch. That was up 1.3 vs. his 2021 average. Moving to Philadelphia gives him the chance to lead a backfield that adds Rashaad Penny on a small one-year deal and returns Kenneth Gainwell and Boston Scott. They're respectively averaging 5.4 and 5.8 touches per game for their careers. Swift arrives at 13.0.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	DET	13	114	521	8	1	2	46	357	2	166.8
2021	DET	13	151	617	5	2	1	62	452	2	177.9
2022	DET	14	99	542	5	1	0	48	389	3	167.1
2023 Proj.		14	141.2	621.4	5.4	6	2	33.7	273.3	1.2	141.9

34 ANTONIO GIBSON

HT: 6-2 | WT: 220 | AGE: 25 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 141.9
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Gibson grew his targets, receptions and yards per catch last year. He's a solid bench option with handcuff upside behind Brian Robinson Jr.

Commanders coaches immediately cut Gibson's playing time when Brian Robinson Jr. returned from his August gunshot wounds. Gibson's four smallest playing-time shares among healthy games came in Robinson's first four appearances. His work picked back up amid Robinson's slow start, but Gibson's touches decreased again at the end of the year. Overall, Gibson averaged 9.1 carries and 3.9 targets in 10 healthy games he shared with Robinson. He might see a few more targets after J.D. McKissic's departure.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	WAS	14	170	795	11	2	2	36	247	0	184.2
2021	WAS	16	258	1,037	7	2	4	42	294	3	208.1
2022	WAS	15	149	546	3	0	0	46	353	2	142.9
2023 Proj.		16	129.7	570.6	3.4	0	1	44.9	332	1.8	141.9

35 DEVON ACHANE

HT: 5-9 | WT: 185 | AGE: 21 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 135.6
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Achane looks especially good for a best-ball draft, where you don't need to set your lineup. Touches figure to be spread among Miami RBs.

Miami had just four draft picks and spent the second (a third-rounder) on this undersized RB, despite having already re-signed Jeff Wilson Jr. and Raheem Mostert. Speed is the primary selling point. Achane's 4.32-second 40-yard dash tied for the fifth-fastest ever by a RB at the Combine. He turned that into 6.4 yards per carry across three college seasons. Achane also caught 65 balls. His yards per catch dipped in 2022, albeit amid weak QB play. Head coach Mike McDaniel said he was "excited" that Achane made it to them.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		15	103.6	549.1	2.6	0	1	42.1	357.9	1.7	135.6

ANTONIO GIBSON

36 DEVIN SINGLETARY

HT: 5-7 | WT: 203 | AGE: 26 | HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 129.7
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
Singletary should grab the No. 2 job in Houston, which will mean weekly touches and handcuff upside behind Dameon Pierce. He's stashable.

Singletary signed a one-year deal for just $2.75 million. That's not enough to guarantee a big chunk of the workload. But Singletary comes off four fairly busy years in Buffalo. He logged the 15th-most carries among RBs over that span and the 14th-most targets. Singletary hasn't rated well as a receiver by advanced metrics, but he did earn a higher receiving grade from Pro Football Focus last year than Dameon Pierce. The Texans ranked fifth in RB receptions last year, including 57 combined for Rex Burkhead and Dare Ogunbowale.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	BUF	16	156	687	2	0	1	38	269	0	124.6
2021	BUF	17	188	870	7	1	0	40	228	1	177.8
2022	BUF	16	177	819	5	1	3	38	280	1	158.9
2023 Proj.		17	162.8	699.9	4.1	0	1	26.4	185.1	0.9	129.7

37 RASHAAD PENNY

HT: 5-11 | WT: 220 | AGE: 27 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 124.2
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Penny's far from a must-add, especially earlier than this. He'll have a tough time reaching RB2 territory unless D'Andre Swift goes down.

Penny has been a high-upside rusher the past two years, averaging 6.2 yards on 176 carries with a 4.5 percent TD rate over the span. Still, he could only manage a one-year deal with the Eagles that guarantees just $600,000. That's not enough to guarantee Penny any level of work — perhaps not even a roster spot. And then there's his injury history. But he does come with a much higher ceiling than Boston Scott (3.9 touches per game last year). And Penny's all-rushing, no-receiving profile complements the styles of Swift and Kenneth Gainwell.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	SEA	3	11	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.4
2021	SEA	10	119	749	6	4	0	6	48	0	118.7
2022	SEA	5	57	346	2	1	0	4	16	0	50.2
2023 Proj.		14	152.1	790.9	5.9	1	1	8	59.4	0.3	124.2

38 JAMES COOK

HT: 5-11 | WT: 190 | AGE: 23 | BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 116.1
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Expect Cook and Damien Harris to split most of the backfield work. That's good for Cook's targets but will be muddled for fantasy.

Buffalo drafted Cook last year, seemingly to quench its thirst for a receiving back. But then it threw him 20 fewer targets than Devin Singletary, in the veteran's fourth season. Singletary's gone, with Damien Harris taking his place. Perhaps that's good news for Cook's receiving work. In the four years since Harris and Singletary entered the league, Singletary ranks 14th among RBs in targets; Harris tied for 90th. Nyheim Hines looked like a target threat after last year's trade but drew just nine in nine games.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	BUF	16	89	507	2	0	1	21	180	1	95.2
2023 Proj.		16	117.8	565.4	3.2	0	1	27.1	222	1.1	116.1

39 JEFF WILSON JR.

HT: 6-0 | WT: 213 | AGE: 27 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 115.2
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Draft capital makes us lean Devon Achane as the first Miami back. But Wilson is a favorite of head coach Mike McDaniel and capable of outscoring Achane.

The Dolphins re-signed Wilson and Raheem Mostert this offseason, paying Wilson a little more on his one-year deal after trading a fifth-round pick for him last season. Adding Devon Achane in Round 3 complicates the backfield outlook, though. The three players don't seem to differ enough in style to fit into categories. Wilson and Mostert switched off leading the backfield in limited healthy time together last year. Achane isn't built to run a backfield but should quickly see touches as a runner and receiver.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	SF	11	126	600	7	2	2	13	133	3	135.8
2021	SF	9	79	294	2	1	0	7	31	0	48.0
2022	SF/MIA	16	176	860	5	2	0	22	185	1	151.5
2023 Proj.		15	151.4	681.4	4.5	0	2	15.6	126.7	0.6	115.2

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40 SAMAJE PERINE

HT: 5-10 | WT: 236 | AGE: 27 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 114.1

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Perine flashed for a nice couple of games last season but has averaged 6.6 touches per game for his career. His upside is overrated.

New head coach Sean Payton called Perine "an important piece" after the Broncos signed him in free agency. He cited Perine's ability on all three downs, especially in passing situations. "He's a really good receiver," Payton told *USA Today*. "Obviously, he can block the blitz." Perine saw the second-most carries of his career and most targets for last year's Bengals, with Joe Mixon missing two games. Javonte Williams' double-ligament tear made Perine's addition important. The recovery will be key to how much work Perine gets.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CIN	12	63	301	3	0	0	11	66	0	60.2
2021	CIN	16	55	246	1	0	0	27	196	1	69.7
2022	CIN	16	95	394	2	1	0	38	287	4	123.1
2023 Proj.		16	117.9	495.3	3.5	0	1	31.7	231.4	1.1	114.1

41 JAYLEN WARREN

HT: 5-8 | WT: 215 | AGE: 24 | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 107.9

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

We'd bet on Pittsburgh running a little less in 2023. Warren had a nice rookie season but is still best treated as an injury handcuff.

Even as Najee Harris improved over the second half of last season, Warren saw his work grow. He went from a 15.3 percent carry share and 4.7 percent target share before the bye to 17.5 percent and 7.7 percent after. The final five games found him at 22.4 percent of carries and 8.8 percent of targets. That reflects Pittsburgh running the ball more with Kenny Pickett at the helm. Six of their nine games after the bye found the Steelers running on more than 53 percent of snaps. That's territory few teams beside the Ravens have reached in recent seasons.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	PIT	16	77	379	1	0	0	28	214	0	79.3
2023 Proj.		16	105.3	463.4	2.6	0	1	31.0	242.5	1.2	107.9

42 TANK BIGSBY

HT: 6-0 | WT: 213 | AGE: 22 | JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 104.3

BYE WEEK: 11

ATHLON'S TAKE

Expect Jacksonville to decrease Travis Etienne Jr.'s work from the level it was at the end of last season. Bigsby should at least be a high-value handcuff.

Head coach Doug Pederson said over the offseason that NFL teams needed multiple backs. And then his team drafted Bigsby in Round 3. Bigsby can contribute as a runner or receiver. Among 312 FBS RBs with at least 50 carries last year, he ranked 19th in yards after contact per carry, according to Pro Football Focus. Bigsby led this year's RB class in 2022 target share (15.3 percent). Jacksonville limited Travis Etienne Jr.'s receiving work (22nd among RBs in targets) vs. his rushing (13th), which could create a path for Bigsby.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		16	112.3	494.3	3.4	0	1	25.3	190.1	0.8	104.3

43 ZACH CHARBONNET

HT: 6-1 | WT: 220 | AGE: 22 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 103.2

BYE WEEK: 11

ATHLON'S TAKE

Charbonnet's second-round landing would have been exciting in plenty of other spots. As it is, he's a 2023 handcuff as well as a dynasty stash.

Charbonnet left the NFL Draft board as the clear No. 3 RB, the only back to go in Round 2. But he lands behind Kenneth Walker III, who averaged 18.6 carries per game after Rashaad Penny went down last season. Only Derrick Henry and Josh Jacobs averaged more than that for the season. Head coach Pete Carroll praised Charbonnet's receiving after the draft. Charbonnet caught 61 passes at 8.5 yards per catch over the past two seasons. That could be his path to immediate work. He also averaged 5.9 per rush for his college career.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		16	95.6	411.1	2.9	0	0	31.2	224.5	1.1	103.2

44 LEONARD FOURNETTE

HT: 6-0 | WT: 228 | AGE: 28 | FREE AGENT

EFP: 101.8

BYE WEEK: TBD

ATHLON'S TAKE

If given a path to significant receiving upside, then Fournette could help in fantasy again. It's understandable to avoid him, though.

Fournette fell off as a rusher by traditional and advanced metrics. He remained busy as a receiver, though. Fournette drew the fourth-most targets among RBs and ranked third in receptions. And then he got released. Fournette said he requested it because of Tom Brady's retirement. It's tough to imagine him finding a similarly friendly situation. The Bucs led the league by 40 pass attempts last year and trailed only the Chargers in RB receptions. Fournette will still be just 28 this season.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	TB	12	97	367	6	1	0	36	233	0	114.0
2021	TB	14	180	812	8	2	0	69	454	2	221.1
2022	TB	16	189	668	3	1	0	73	523	3	189.6
2023 Proj.		15	118	472	3.5	0	1	25	177.2	0.9	101.8

45 JERICK MCKINNON

HT: 5-9 | WT: 209 | AGE: 31 | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 94.1

BYE WEEK: 8

ATHLON'S TAKE

Without all the late-season TDs, McKinnon would have been just OK as a PPR scorer. He fits better in best-ball than lineup-setting leagues.

For the second straight offseason, McKinnon lingered on the open market before signing a one-year deal with the Chiefs. McKinnon won't match the run of nine TDs in six games he closed the 2022 regular season with. But there's room for his 4.3 catches and 39.6 receiving yards per game from that span. Clyde Edwards-Helaire looks like a total bust. Isiah Pacheco was a rookie revelation but caught just 13 passes for the year. Expect him and McKinnon to complement each other again, with CEH sprinkled in.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	SF	14	81	319	5	0	0	33	253	1	109.7
2021	KC	13	12	62	0	0	0	13	107	1	29.4
2022	KC	17	72	291	1	0	1	56	512	9	168.3
2023 Proj.		15	71.2	285	2.1	0	0	34.3	274.5	1.4	94.1

46 TYJAE SPEARS

HT: 5-10 | WT: 200 | AGE: 22 | TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 89.2

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

The Titans should work Spears into the offense right away, with a lacking WR corps. He could lead the Tennessee backfield by 2024.

Negative reports about Spears' right knee flowed the Monday after the NFL Draft, spurring lots of concern among fantasy players. Head coach Mike Vrabel said he and general manager Ran Carthon were "comfortable" with the status of Spears' knee, though he conceded "that may change." Spears showed no signs of knee trouble while averaging 6.8 yards per rush on 358 carries over his final two college seasons. Spears added 11.8 yards per catch on 48 career receptions. He can be a receiving complement to Derrick Henry right away.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		15	99.5	437.8	2.8	0	2	22.7	170.4	0.7	89.2

47 MICHAEL CARTER

HT: 5-10 | WT: 184 | AGE: 24 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 88.9

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Carter looked good as a rookie, but he's a limited player in a crowded situation. He's only a late stash in deep PPR leagues.

After leading the Jets' backfield as a rookie, Carter got overtaken by second-round pick Breece Hall. And then he ceded late-season work to Zonovan Knight. He dipped to 3.5 yards per carry and lost 2.0 off his yards per catch. All that bodes ill for Carter maintaining a meaningful role. The backfield got more crowded with Israel Abanikanda in Round 5. How quickly Hall can make it back from his ACL tear will determine how much early-season work is available. Aaron Rodgers should help everyone's receiving efficiency.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	NYJ	14	147	639	4	1	1	36	325	0	136.4
2022	NYJ	16	114	402	3	0	1	41	288	0	105.5
2023 Proj.		16	90.6	380.3	2.4	0	1	26.4	198.4	0.9	88.9

ALEXANDER MATTISON

48 KYREN WILLIAMS

HT: 5-9 | WT: 194 | AGE: 23 | LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 87.1
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Cam Akers has missed games every year, and Zach Evans was a college disappointment. Williams is an interesting late stash.

Last year was a goofy one for the Rams backfield. Darrell Henderson Jr. went from Week 1 lead back to released. Cam Akers went from touch leader to asking for a trade or release to top-five fantasy back over the final six weeks. Williams broke a foot in a June workout, suffered a high-ankle sprain in the opener and still finished the year as the No. 2 back. He starts Year 2 there, with competition from sixth-round pick Zach Evans. Williams tested poorly before the 2022 draft but was a college workhorse.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	LAR	10	35	139	0	0	0	9	76	0	26.0
2023 Proj.		16	96.5	395.7	2.4	0	1	22.7	177.3	1	87.1

49 EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

HT: 6-0 | WT: 226 | AGE: 28 | FREE AGENT

EFP: 86.6
BYE WEEK: TBD
ATHLON'S TAKE
Don't expect the receiving to rebound or his touch count to approach previous heights. Elliott is a later-round play for goal-line carries.

Elliott posted career lows in yards per carry and yards per catch last season. His receptions per game tumbled, trailing his previous low by 1.0 (rookie year). The O-line didn't help, falling from second in Football Outsiders' adjusted line yards in 2021 to 17th last year. Elliott's yards before contact per attempt fell from 1.46 to 0.95, according to Pro Football Focus numbers. And NFL Next Gen Stats rated him sixth worst in rushing yards over expected per carry. There's some bounce-back potential in his rushing.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	DAL	15	244	979	6	2	5	52	338	2	197.7
2021	DAL	17	237	1,002	10	2	1	47	287	2	228.6
2022	DAL	15	231	876	12	0	0	17	92	0	177.3
2023 Proj.		16	120	480	4	0	1	12	81.6	0.4	86.6

50 KENNETH GAINWELL

HT: 5-9 | WT: 200 | AGE: 24 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 85.3
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Gainwell doesn't look like more than the third RB in Philly, barring injury. You can stash him late, but the upside isn't exciting.

After Gainwell racked up 236 total yards over Philly's three playoff games, General manager Howie Roseman called him a "good player" who "hasn't hit his ceiling yet." The Eagles let Miles Sanders walk in free agency but then signed Rashaad Penny and traded for D'Andre Swift. The latter is the bigger issue for Gainwell. Swift arrives as a similar but more accomplished player. Gainwell has averaged just 5.4 touches per game through two seasons, with declines in carries per game and receptions per game last year.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	PHI	16	68	291	5	0	1	33	253	1	106.9
2022	PHI	17	53	240	4	0	0	23	169	0	76.4
2023 Proj.		17	81.5	366.7	3.4	0	1	20.3	152.6	0.8	85.3

51 ALEXANDER MATTISON

HT: 5-11 | WT: 215 | AGE: 25 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 83.2
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
If Mattison reaches the lead role, it'll be an upside spot in an offense that ranked in the top eight in yards and points in 2022.

Mattison reached the open market in March but returned on a two-year deal. His outlook hinges on whether the Dalvin Cook rumors come to fruition. If Cook stays, Mattison looks doomed to the limited No. 2 role he has played for four years, although with Cook's injury history, Mattison is a solid handcuff. If the Vikings dump Cook, however, Mattison needs only to hold off Ty Chandler, a fifth-rounder last year who carried six times all season; Kene Nwangwu, a kick returner with 28 offensive touches through two years; and seventh-round rookie DeWayne McBride.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	MIN	13	96	434	2	1	0	13	125	1	80.4
2021	MIN	16	134	491	3	2	1	32	228	1	109.9
2022	MIN	17	74	283	5	0	0	15	91	1	80.9
2023 Proj.		17	99.6	408.2	3	0	1	18	131.7	0.7	83.2

52 CHUBA HUBBARD

HT: 6-1 | WT: 210 | AGE: 24 | CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 82.7
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Miles Sanders has lost nine career games to injuries. Hubbard hasn't been very good, but he looks like Carolina's No. 2 back.

Even after Christian McCaffrey's trade, Hubbard averaged just 9.9 carries and 1.8 targets per game the rest of the way. The Panthers then let D'Onta Foreman walk for a one-year deal and paid Miles Sanders the top annual average among free-agent RBs this year. Sanders has history with new RBs coach Duce Staley and is clearly headed for more of a lead role than anyone besides McCaffrey has played in Carolina lately. Hubbard has failed to seize opportunities when McCaffrey missed time or left.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	CAR	17	172	612	5	1	1	25	174	1	125.1
2022	CAR	15	95	466	2	1	1	14	171	0	80.7
2023 Proj.		16	93.6	421.1	2.6	0	1	18.6	141.3	0.6	82.7

53 ELIJAH MITCHELL

HT: 5-10 | WT: 200 | AGE: 25 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 80.1
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
The Niners found room for Mitchell even after acquiring Christian McCaffrey. He has some deep value in non-PPR, and he has handcuff upside everywhere.

Mitchell got only three full regular-season games after Christian McCaffrey's arrival, but he averaged 11.3 carries and 1.3 targets. Mitchell then drew 23 carries and three targets over two playoff games shared with McCaffrey. All seven of Mitchell's regular-season carries inside the 10-yard line came after McCaffrey arrived. San Francisco sticking with Brock Purdy would likely help those opportunities for both backs. Purdy's less of a threat to steal goal-line carries and a better bet to dump off to the RB instead of scrambling.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	SF	11	207	963	5	5	0	19	137	1	155.5
2022	SF	5	45	279	2	0	0	3	7	0	42.1
2023 Proj.		15	111.3	523.1	3.3	0	0	5.6	39.8	0.2	80.1

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54 ROSCHON JOHNSON

HT: 6-0 | WT: 225 | AGE: 22 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 75.5
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Johnson could wind up first or third in backfield touches but looks like the best mix of skills. Watch how the battle plays out.

You'll notice the top three Bears RBs sitting in a row here. That's because there should be open competition through training camp after David Montgomery's departure. Johnson arrived in Round 4 of the draft after backing up Bijan Robinson the past three years. But he racked up 146 touches as a true freshman despite switching from QB to RB just a week before his first college season. Johnson averaged 5.6 yards per rush for his college career and showed ability in the passing game, both as a receiver and blocker.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		16	108.9	479.1	3.3	1	1	7	50.8	0.2	75.5

55 KHALIL HERBERT

HT: 5-9 | WT: 212 | AGE: 25 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 75.4
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Herbert has flashed in scant opportunities through two seasons. He seems unlikely to claim a clear lead role in what looks like a committee.

Among 61 running backs with 70-plus carries last year, Herbert ranked fourth in yards after contact per attempt, according to Pro Football Focus. He trailed only Breece Hall, Rhamondre Stevenson and Tony Pollard. Herbert ranked a less impressive 30th of 61 the year before. He worked clearly behind David Montgomery both seasons but has a chance to lead the 2023 backfield after Montgomery left in free agency. Free-agent addition D'Onta Foreman and fourth-round pick Roschon Johnson arrive as competition.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	CHI	17	103	433	2	1	0	14	96	0	71.9
2022	CHI	13	129	731	4	1	0	9	57	1	113.3
2023 Proj.		16	83	381.6	2.7	1	1	16.3	118.9	0.5	75.4

56 D'ONTA FOREMAN

HT: 6-0 | WT: 235 | AGE: 27 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 74.4
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Foreman could lead Chicago RBs in carries this year. He's a zero as a receiver, though, which knocks him to third in fantasy upside.

Two years ago, Foreman stepped up to average 18.3 carries and 80.3 yards over the final six games in Tennessee after Derrick Henry went down. Last year he more than doubled his nearest Carolina teammate in carries and led the Panthers by 448 rushing yards. Both teams let Foreman walk for meager one-year deals. He joins a Chicago backfield replacing its leader of the last four years. Khalil Herbert returns after averaging 5.0 yards per carry through two years. Fourth-round pick Roschon Johnson will compete as well.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	TEN	5	22	95	0	0	0	1	5	1	16.5
2021	TEN	9	133	566	3	3	1	9	123	0	89.4
2022	CAR	17	203	914	5	5	0	5	26	0	128.5
2023 Proj.		16	98.5	433.5	3	0	1	10.4	80.4	0.3	74.4

57 RAHEEM MOSTERT

HT: 5-10 | WT: 205 | AGE: 31 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 73.9
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Mostert led the 2022 backfield in touches and yards. Jeff Wilson Jr. and Devon Achane look like better bets for 2023 touches, though.

Mostert re-signed on a one-year deal early this offseason. But then Jeff Wilson Jr. quickly followed, and the team drafted Devon Achane in Round 3. Miami spent a fifth-round pick on Wilson last season — with Mostert already around — and signed him for slightly more. That makes Wilson look like the better bet between them. And Miami made only four draft picks. So Achane is clearly a player they're excited about rather than a luxury item. No Dolphins RB averaged more than 11.3 carries or 1.9 catches per game last year.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	SF	8	104	521	2	0	1	16	156	1	91.7
2021	SF	1	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
2022	MIA	16	181	891	3	2	1	31	202	2	152.8
2023 Proj.		15	75.7	355.8	2.3	1	1	17.3	136.9	0.7	73.9

58 CORDARRELLE PATTERSON

HT: 6-2 | WT: 220 | AGE: 32 | ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 73.0
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Patterson remains a better receiving bet than Tyler Allgeier. Both will need a Bijan Robinson injury to reach fantasy relevance, though.

Despite re-signing him at $5 million a year ahead of last season, the Falcons cut Patterson's receptions per game in half vs. 2021. He also finished the year working clearly behind Tyler Allgeier. Bijan Robinson's arrival changes everything. Atlanta drafted him eighth overall, making a workhorse role seem likely. Year 2 of QB Desmond Ridder and WR Drake London — plus TE Kyle Pitts' return to health — should mean more passing. The Falcons ran on 55.3 percent of offensive plays in 2022, the second-highest rate in the league.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CHI	16	64	232	1	0	0	21	132	0	52.9
2021	ATL	16	153	618	6	1	0	52	548	5	208.6
2022	ATL	13	144	695	8	2	1	21	122	0	138.2
2023 Proj.		16	66	303.5	2.3	0	1	19.7	143.9	1.1	73.0

59 KAREEM HUNT

HT: 5-11 | WT: 216 | AGE: 28 | FREE AGENT

EFP: 67.1
BYE WEEK: TBD
ATHLON'S TAKE
Hunt's team likely views him as an upside receiver from the backfield. But the ceiling is much lower than it was just two years ago.

Hunt declined by every measure in his age-27 season. His yards per carry fell 1.1 vs. 2021 and 0.4 below his previous career low. His yards per catch checked in 1.7 short of his previous low and 2.6 shy of his career average. The advanced metrics agree. Hunt should have tread left after logging just 442 carries over the past four years. However, Cleveland.com reported in April that the Browns believe Hunt has lost speed. He did, at least, remain Cleveland's lead pass-catching RB in 2022 and fourth-most targeted player.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	CLE	16	198	841	6	1	0	38	304	5	199.5
2021	CLE	8	78	386	5	0	0	22	174	0	99.0
2022	CLE	17	123	468	3	0	0	35	210	1	109.3
2023 Proj.		16	74	310.8	2.2	0	1	17.4	125.1	0.6	67.1

60 TYLER ALLGEIER

HT: 5-11 | WT: 220 | AGE: 23 | ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 64.1
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Allgeier looks like the more direct handcuff to Bijan Robinson than Cordarrelle Patterson. Both would factor in if the rookie goes down.

Allgeier handled 56 percent of Atlanta's carries over the final four games following the Week 14 bye compared with just 25.5 percent for Cordarrelle Patterson. That should keep Allgeier as the No. 2 ball carrier this year, albeit behind expected workhorse Bijan Robinson. Atlanta drafted Robinson eighth overall after spending minimally on the position in free agency and the draft the previous two years. The team's rushing volume is likely to come down, too, after the Falcons ran on 55.3 percent of offensive plays in 2022, the second-highest rate in the NFL.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	ATL	16	210	1,035	3	2	0	16	139	1	151.4
2023 Proj.		16	76.1	350.2	2.4	2	1	11.1	86.8	0.4	64.1

61 CHASE EDMONDS

HT: 5-9 | WT: 205 | AGE: 27 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 62.0
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Edmonds looks like a lesser version of Rachaad White at this point. That makes him an OK handcuff if he wins the No. 2 job.

Edmonds quickly washed out of Miami after signing a two-year deal last offseason. And then Denver decided not to keep him as well. That makes him no lock to land a regular-season roster spot in Tampa. But there's opportunity if he can rebound. The Bucs let Leonard Fournette go (reportedly at his request). That leaves Rachaad White to lead a backfield that also lost Gio Bernard to retirement. Incumbent reserve Ke'Shawn Vaughn remains. Otherwise, the team imported only undrafted free agent Sean Tucker.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	ARI	16	97	448	1	0	0	53	402	4	141.5
2021	ARI	12	116	592	2	1	1	43	311	0	121.8
2022	MIA/DEN	13	68	245	2	0	0	16	157	1	66.2
2023 Proj.		16	70.2	287.9	1.8	0	1	16.8	124.5	0.6	62.0

62 KENDRE MILLER

HT: 6-0 | WT: 220 | AGE: 21 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 61.7

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

Alvin Kamara's status will either add upside to Miller or lower his ceiling. The rookie looks intriguing for dynasty leagues, though.

Miller averaged an electric 6.7 yards per carry across three college seasons, culminating in 1,515 total yards and 17 TDs in 2022. A right knee injury knocked him out of the national title game and pre-draft testing. But the Saints didn't care. They snagged him in Round 3 as the fourth RB off the board. Miller faces competition from Jamaal Williams for at least the next two years. The vet signed as a free agent in March. Alvin Kamara remains as the backfield leader, for whenever he's allowed on the field.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		15	84.9	373.7	2.3	0	0	7.4	55.8	0.2	61.7

63 JAMES ROBINSON

HT: 5-9 | WT: 219 | AGE: 25 | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 59.5

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Robinson is still young, and he has just 514 career carries. We'll see this summer whether he can get back to fantasy relevance.

Robinson barely saw the field with the Jets after last season's trade from the Jaguars. His Patriots contract includes no guaranteed money and thus doesn't even lock him in for the 2023 roster. But the backfield looks like an open competition behind Rhamondre Stevenson. Damien Harris is gone. Pierre Strong Jr. and Kevin Harris saw minimal work as rookies after arriving as Day 3 draft picks. After signing Robinson, head coach Bill Belichick said only, "He'll give us some depth in the backfield." He'll be just 25 when the season starts.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	JAC	14	240	1,070	7	4	1	49	344	3	225.9
2021	JAC	14	164	767	8	1	2	31	222	0	158.4
2022	JAC/NYJ	11	110	425	3	1	0	11	51	2	83.1
2023 Proj.		15	77	323.6	2.7	0	1	9.2	65.6	0.3	59.5

GUS EDWARDS

64 JOSHUA KELLEY

HT: 5-11 | WT: 212 | AGE: 25 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 59.3

BYE WEEK: 8

ATHLON'S TAKE

Kelley shouldn't be picked in most fantasy drafts. Any upside he presents is completely tied to the quality of his team's offense.

Despite losing four games (and most of a fifth) to a knee injury in the middle of the season, Kelley fended off Sony Michel and Isaiah Spiller to fill the No. 2 spot behind Austin Ekeler. The Chargers then added nothing to the backfield despite an offseason trade request by Ekeler amid a contract squabble. Kelley has been minimally effective through three seasons, averaging just 3.5 yards per carry and 6.8 per catch. But two Chargers coaching staffs — plus an offensive coordinator switch this year — have yet to replace him.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	LAC	13	111	354	2	0	2	23	148	0	69.7
2021	LAC	10	33	102	0	0	1	5	38	0	14.5
2022	LAC	13	69	287	2	0	0	14	101	0	57.8
2023 Proj.		16	63	264.6	1.8	0	0	15.5	113.1	0.5	59.3

65 GUS EDWARDS

HT: 6-1 | WT: 238 | AGE: 28 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 55.9

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Edwards at least stands as a solid handcuff for J.K. Dobbins drafters. We'll see if he can attain stand-alone value in non-PPR.

We have only seen five games of Edwards and J.K. Dobbins playing together since 2020. Both missed 2021 with ACL tears. Edwards made it back first last year. Dobbins' season false-started and included another knee surgery. Dobbins finished 2022 as the lead back. But Edwards logged 13 opportunities (carries plus targets) vs. Dobbins' 18 in the playoff loss. New offensive coordinator Todd Monken appears likely to increase the passing volume vs. what Baltimore has done since Lamar Jackson arrived. That will challenge Edwards' role.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	BAL	16	144	723	6	1	1	9	129	0	123.7
2021	BAL	DNP - Injury									
2022	BAL	9	87	433	3	0	1	0	0	0	59.3
2023 Proj.		16	78.3	391.5	2.2	0	1	4.4	33.1	0	55.9

66 JEROME FORD

HT: 5-10 | WT: 210 | AGE: 23 | CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 55.7

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

There's room for Ford to see as much work as Kareem Hunt did the past three years. Ford is a good late stash and strong handcuff.

Head coach Kevin Stefanski said in March that he believed Ford was capable of earning the No. 2 RB role. The team confirmed that belief by letting Kareem Hunt walk in free agency, signing no one and drafting no one. Ford garnered just eight offensive touches as a rookie but took on kick-return duties during the year and ranked sixth in the NFL with 24.1 yards per return. He averaged 6.1 yards per carry and 9.1 per catch through his college career. Ford then posted an 84th-percentile speed score at the Combine.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	CLE	13	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2
2023 Proj.		16	73.4	323.1	2.2	0	1	8.4	61.9	0.3	55.7

67 TRAVIS HOMER

HT: 5-10 | WT: 202 | AGE: 25 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 55.0

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

Homer spent his first four seasons giving us no reason to bet on him. Don't start now. Feel free to watch him as a later waiver option.

Homer is easy to overlook, behind the other three Bears RBs on this list. But he actually got more guaranteed money ($1.75 million on a two-year deal) than D'Onta Foreman ($1 million on a one-year deal). So why doesn't Homer sit higher on this list? He just hasn't done much through four NFL seasons. He has averaged just 1.7 carries and 1.1 receptions per game. Last year's 1.6 catches per game marked a career high. The post-David Montgomery Bears backfield presents open competition for roles.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	SEA	9	25	88	0	0	0	9	90	1	28.3
2021	SEA	14	21	177	1	0	0	16	161	0	47.8
2022	SEA	10	19	74	0	0	1	16	157	1	35.1
2023 Proj.		16	31.1	146.2	0.7	0	0	24.1	193	0.8	55.0

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68 CHASE BROWN

HT: 5-9 | WT: 215 | AGE: 23 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 53.1

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Brown is the only backup on the Bengals' RB depth chart who hasn't failed to garner NFL touches yet. That helps his outlook.

The Bengals tried to re-sign Samaje Perine but lost him to the Broncos, apparently for what Perine expected to be a more attractive role. That leaves the No. 2 job behind Joe Mixon vacant. Chris Evans has managed just 35 touches over two seasons. Trayveon Williams has only 55 after four seasons. Brown arrives as a fifth-round pick off a workhorse fifth year in college. He carried 328 times for 1,643 yards, caught 27 passes for 240 more and totaled 13 TDs. Then he rocked a 4.43-second 40 at the Combine.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		16	54.6	234.7	1.5	0	0	14.6	109.3	0.4	53.1

69 PIERRE STRONG JR.

HT: 5-11 | WT: 205 | AGE: 24 | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 50.0

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Strong can win the No. 2 job. He'd likely still share work if Rhamondre Stevenson were to go down, but there's intriguing upside.

Strong arrived in Round 4 of 2022 and then collected just 10 carries and seven targets as a rookie. But he was dynamic in college, averaging 7.2 yards per carry across four years at South Dakota State. Strong added 9.4 yards per reception on 62 catches and racked up 43 total TDs. His 4.37-second 40 time differentiates him vs. the rest of the New England RB depth chart. Strong will have a hard time garnering targets, though. Rhamondre Stevenson claimed 16.3 percent last year, trailing Jakobi Meyers' team lead by just eight.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	NE	15	10	100	1	0	0	7	42	0	23.7
2023 Proj.		16	47.1	214.2	1.4	0	0	13.5	104	0.5	50.0

70 ZAMIR WHITE

HT: 6-0 | WT: 215 | AGE: 23 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 49.5

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

White gave us nothing to believe in as a rookie after an overrated college career. Only consider him as a bench stash in deep leagues.

White became a popular handcuff pick in fantasy drafts last summer after showing some juice in the preseason. But he logged just 17 carries through the year. Josh Jacobs, meanwhile, led the league with 404 opportunities (340 carries, 64 targets). Jacobs heads toward another workhorse role after Vegas used the franchise tag to keep him around. But it takes a lot of luck to get the ball that many times without an injury. Among the past 10 RBs to reach 360 touches, only two reached 300 touches again the following year.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	LV	14	17	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.0
2023 Proj.		16	66.5	285.8	2	0	0	6.2	45.7	0.2	49.5

71 ZONOVAN KNIGHT

HT: 5-10 | WT: 209 | AGE: 22 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 48.7

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Breece Hall's ACL recovery adds value to the Jets' backup RBs. But they'd likely use a committee to fill in for him.

The Jets had Michael Carter off a nice rookie year and traded for James Robinson after Breece Hall's 2022 ACL tear. Yet Knight emerged as the top back down the stretch. He averaged 12.1 carries and 2.0 targets over the final seven games. Knight wasn't particularly efficient, cracking 30 rushing yards in just three of those games. The Jets drafted Israel Abanikanda in Round 6 and hope to have Hall back to open the season. Abanikanda matches Knight's size but brings more speed and better college production.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2022	NYJ	7	85	300	1	0	0	13	100	0	52.5
2023 Proj.		16	58.9	247.2	1.6	0	1	11.2	83.8	0.4	48.7

72 ERIC GRAY

HT: 5-10 | WT: 210 | AGE: 23 | NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 46.9

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Gray needs only to beat Matt Breida and Gary Brightwell to claim the No. 2 spot behind Saquon Barkley. He's an intriguing handcuff.

Gray was sneaky-productive in college. As a freshman at Tennessee, he joined a committee led by now-Viking Ty Chandler, beating his mates in yards per carry and yards per catch. Gray then took the lead from Chandler the following year. He again led in efficiency and fell just three receptions short of the team lead. Gray then transferred to Oklahoma and finished up with 1,595 total yards and 6.4 per carry in 2022. He ran a disappointing 40 time (4.62 seconds) at his pro day but landed in a shallow Giants backfield.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		16	45.8	197.1	1.1	0	0	14.5	108.9	0.4	46.9

73 DEUCE VAUGHN

HT: 5-6 | WT: 176 | AGE: 21 | DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 46.2

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Vaughn is an outlier just by making the league at his size. Don't over-commit, but he's an interesting dynasty stash.

Vaughn was the second-shortest RB ever measured at the Scouting Combine. He's only the 11th RB to weigh in short of 180 pounds. Yet he spent the past two years as Kansas State's workhorse, logging 528 carries and 91 receptions. He averaged 5.5 yards per carry and 11.0 per catch over his three seasons, with 43 total TDs. Vaughn will likely have a tough time earning regular work in the NFL. But Dallas' backfield sports nothing proven behind Tony Pollard. Malik Davis and Ronald Jones II stand as competition.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2023 Proj.		16	37.6	165.4	0.9	0	0	17.5	131.4	0.4	46.2

74 AMEER ABDULLAH

HT: 5-9 | WT: 203 | AGE: 30 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 44.0

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

Abdullah isn't an option for any but the deepest PPR leagues. Even if Josh Jacobs goes down, Abdullah likely to share with Zamir White.

Josh Jacobs left barely anything for the Raiders' other backs last year. Abdullah still managed to get half as many targets as the starter, though, and top his own career average by 0.9 yards per catch. That makes Abdullah an easier fit for work alongside Jacobs. Should the starter go down, though, Zamir White looks like the better bet for carries. Since 2018, Abdullah has tallied just 87 rushing attempts across 76 games with four teams. He remains the primary kick returner, which helps lock in a roster spot.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2020	MIN	11	8	42	0	0	0	8	58	2	26.0
2021	CAR	17	51	166	0	0	0	38	289	1	70.5
2022	LV	17	4	20	0	0	0	25	211	1	41.6
2023 Proj.		16	8.9	39	0.2	0	0	26.1	198.3	1	44.0

75 CHRIS EVANS

HT: 5-11 | WT: 215 | AGE: 25 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 42.1

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Joe Mixon's handcuff is an enviable role, but Evans has yet to give us a reason to believe it'll be him. See if camp changes that.

Evans garnered summer buzz as a sixth-round rookie for his receiving work in camp. Two years later, he has just 35 regular-season touches. An already scant role in 2021 dried up almost completely last season. The Bengals lost Samaje Perine to free agency this offseason and added only fifth-round rookie Chase Brown. That sets up competition among Brown, Evans and fifth-year reserve Trayveon Williams for the No. 2 spot behind Joe Mixon. Bengals RBs totaled the sixth-most points per game in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rush Att	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rec	Rec Yds	Rec TDs	Fan Pts
2021	CIN	14	17	77	0	0	0	15	151	2	42.3
2023 Proj.		16	21	94.5	0.6	0	0	17.9	146.8	0.9	42.1

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WIDE RECEIVERS

STAFF TOP 12s

	MICHAEL FABIANO	JENNIFER PIACENTI	KYLE WOOD	CRAIG ELLENPORT	MATT SCHAUF
1.	JUSTIN JEFFERSON	JUSTIN JEFFERSON	JUSTIN JEFFERSON	JUSTIN JEFFERSON	JUSTIN JEFFERSON
2.	JA'MARR CHASE	TYREEK HILL	TYREEK HILL	COOPER KUPP	TYREEK HILL
3.	COOPER KUPP	COOPER KUPP	JA'MARR CHASE	TYREEK HILL	COOPER KUPP
4.	TYREEK HILL	JA'MARR CHASE	COOPER KUPP	JA'MARR CHASE	JA'MARR CHASE
5.	DAVANTE ADAMS	DAVANTE ADAMS	STEFON DIGGS	DAVANTE ADAMS	STEFON DIGGS
6.	STEFON DIGGS	STEFON DIGGS	DAVANTE ADAMS	A.J. BROWN	CEEDEE LAMB
7.	CEEDEE LAMB	CEEDEE LAMB	A.J. BROWN	GARRETT WILSON	DAVANTE ADAMS
8.	A.J. BROWN	A.J. BROWN	CEEDEE LAMB	AMON-RA ST. BROWN	AMON-RA ST. BROWN
9.	AMON-RA ST. BROWN	AMON-RA ST. BROWN	AMON-RA ST. BROWN	STEFON DIGGS	A.J. BROWN
10.	GARRETT WILSON	GARRETT WILSON	JAYLEN WADDLE	CEEDEE LAMB	DK METCALF
11.	JAYLEN WADDLE	JAYLEN WADDLE	GARRETT WILSON	JAYLEN WADDLE	TEE HIGGINS
12.	DEANDRE HOPKINS	CALVIN RIDLEY	CALVIN RIDLEY	AMARI COOPER	JAYLEN WADDLE
Rookie	JORDAN ADDISON	JORDAN ADDISON	JORDAN ADDISON	QUENTIN JOHNSTON	JORDAN ADDISON
Sleeper	TREYLON BURKS	BRANDIN COOKS	JERRY JEUDY	SKYY MOORE	TREYLON BURKS
Deep Sleeper	GEORGE PICKENS	TREYLON BURKS	BRANDIN COOKS	DRAKE LONDON	ROBERT WOODS
Bounce-Back	CALVIN RIDLEY	DJ MOORE	DIONTAE JOHNSON	COOPER KUPP	CALVIN RIDLEY
Bust	ODELL BECKHAM JR.	DEANDRE HOPKINS	CHRISTIAN WATSON	CHRISTIAN KIRK	COURTLAND SUTTON
Injury Risk	MICHAEL THOMAS	MIKE WILLIAMS	ALLEN ROBINSON II	KEENAN ALLEN	KADARIUS TONEY

2023 RANKINGS

Rk	Player	Team	Bye
1	Justin Jefferson	MIN	13
2	Tyreek Hill	MIA	10
3	Cooper Kupp	LAR	10
4	Ja'Marr Chase	CIN	7
5	Stefon Diggs	BUF	13
6	CeeDee Lamb	DAL	7
7	Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	9
8	Davante Adams	LV	13
9	A.J. Brown	PHI	10
10	DK Metcalf	SEA	5
11	Tee Higgins	CIN	7
12	Jaylen Waddle	MIA	10
13	Tyler Lockett	SEA	5
14	Garrett Wilson	NYJ	7
15	DeVonta Smith	PHI	10
16	Keenan Allen	LAC	5
17	Chris Olave	NO	11
18	Deebo Samuel	SF	9
19	Christian Kirk	JAC	9
20	Amari Cooper	CLE	5
21	Mike Williams	LAC	5
22	Christian Watson	GB	6
23	Jerry Jeudy	DEN	9
24	Treylon Burks	TEN	7
25	Terry McLaurin	WAS	14
26	Calvin Ridley	JAC	9
27	Michael Pittman Jr.	IND	11
28	DJ Moore	CHI	13
29	Chris Godwin	TB	5
30	Diontae Johnson	PIT	6
31	Gabe Davis	BUF	13
32	DeAndre Hopkins	ARI	14
33	Drake London	ATL	11
34	Mike Evans	TB	5
35	Allen Lazard	NYJ	7
36	Skyy Moore	KC	10
37	JuJu Smith-Schuster	NE	11
38	Kadarius Toney	KC	10
39	Zay Jones	JAC	9
40	Brandon Aiyuk	SF	9
41	Courtland Sutton	DEN	9
42	Adam Thielen	CAR	7
43	George Pickens	PIT	6
44	Marquise Brown	ARI	14
45	Nico Collins	HOU	7
46	Brandin Cooks	DAL	7
47	K.J. Osborn	MIN	13
48	Rashod Bateman	BAL	13
49	Jahan Dotson	WAS	14
50	Van Jefferson	LAR	10
51	Curtis Samuel	WAS	14
52	Jakobi Meyers	LV	13
53	Robert Woods	HOU	7
54	Jordan Addison	MIN	13
55	Tim Patrick	DEN	9
56	Tyler Boyd	CIN	7
57	Alec Pierce	IND	11
58	Michael Gallup	DAL	7
59	Isaiah Hodgins	NYG	13
60	Odell Beckham Jr.	BAL	13
61	Elijah Moore	CLE	5
62	Darnell Mooney	CHI	13
63	Donovan Peoples-Jones	CLE	5
64	Mecole Hardman Jr.	NYJ	7
65	Quentin Johnston	LAC	5
66	Jaxon Smith-Njigba	SEA	5
67	DJ Chark Jr.	CAR	7
68	Rondale Moore	ARI	14
69	Romeo Doubs	GB	6
70	Rashid Shaheed	NO	11
71	Michael Thomas	NO	11
72	Corey Davis	NYJ	7
73	Darius Slayton	NYG	13
74	Russell Gage Jr.	TB	5
75	Jayden Reed	GB	6
76	Hunter Renfrow	LV	13
77	Mack Hollins	ATL	11
78	Terrace Marshall Jr.	CAR	7
79	Khalil Shakir	BUF	13
80	Zay Flowers	BAL	13

AVERAGE DEPTH OF THROW

TOP WRs			
Player	Team	Targets	ADOT
DeVante Parker	NE	47	16.8
Gabriel Davis	BUF	106	16.8
Van Jefferson	LAR	44	16.6
DJ Chark Jr.	DET	51	15.9
George Pickens	PIT	84	15.6
Jahan Dotson	WAS	56	15.4
M. Valdes-Scantling	KC	87	15.1
Tyquan Thornton	NE	43	14.9
Chris Olave	NO	114	14.9
Chosen Anderson	CAR/ARI	43	14.6
Marvin Jones Jr.	JAC	88	14.6

BOTTOM WRs			
Player	Team	Targets	ADOT
Greg Dortch	ARI	64	4.6
Deebo Samuel	SF	106	5.1
Rondale Moore	ARI	55	5.2
Chris Godwin	TB	150	5.7
Russell Gage	TB	78	5.9
Parris Campbell	IND	85	6.5
Hunter Renfrow	LV	49	6.5
Richie James	NYG	82	6.6
Amon-Ra St. Brown	DET	139	6.7
Curtis Samuel	WAS	87	6.9
J. Smith-Schuster	KC	109	7.1

(MIN 40 TARGETS, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS) SOURCE: PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS

For wide receivers and tight ends, ADOT removes volatile YAC (yards after catch) from the equation, instead focusing only on the average distance the player is downfield on each target. It's an indicator of big-play potential.

INJURY CONCERNS

COOPER KUPP, LOS ANGELES RAMS
Kupp suffered an ankle injury in Week 10 that ended his season and ultimately required surgery. Rams trainers seem pleased with the 2021 receiving triple crown winner's progress.

KEENAN ALLEN, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
The 31-year-old Allen missed seven games with a hamstring injury from which he never seemed to fully recover. It was the least productive season of his 10-year career outside of a 2016 campaign in which he played only one game due to injury.

DEEBO SAMUEL, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
Hamstring and ankle injuries forced Samuel to miss four games and parts of others. With Christian McCaffrey there to handle the bulk of the 49ers' rushing work, Samuel can focus more on receiving and not get beaten up as much on handoffs.

MIKE WILLIAMS, LOS ANGELES CHARGERS
While Williams missed only four regular-season games with a bad ankle, he was less than 100 percent for much of the season. Then in the season finale, Williams suffered a back injury. He is expected to be 100 percent healthy for the start of the season.

KADARIUS TONEY, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
The Giants unloaded Toney to Kansas City last season because he couldn't stay healthy, and all he did was score a TD in the Super Bowl. Still, Toney has missed 15 games through two NFL seasons.

RASHOD BATEMAN, BALTIMORE RAVENS
A foot injury cut Bateman's 2022 season short after six games. Plus, free-agent signing Odell Beckham Jr. and rookie first-round pick Zay Flowers also will be competing for targets.

TIM PATRICK, DENVER BRONCOS
Patrick averaged 52 catches for 738 yards in 2020-21, but he never got to develop a rapport with new QB Russell Wilson due to a torn ACL last August that cost him the season. There should be room for Patrick to contribute in Sean Payton's passing attack.

STERLING SHEPARD, NEW YORK GIANTS
Shepard has played in only 10 games over the past two seasons. Still, despite an Achilles injury in 2021 and a torn ACL in '22, the Giants signed the 30-year-old to a one-year extension for this season.

JAMESON WILLIAMS, DETROIT LIONS
Williams missed most of his rookie season because of the torn ACL he suffered in the 2021 national championship game. The Lions will now have to wait again; Williams was suspended for the first six games for violating the NFL's gambling policy.

MICHAEL THOMAS, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
Thomas had one of the best fantasy seasons ever in 2019. But then he missed nine games in '20 and was out all of '21 with an ankle injury. Fantasy managers were hoping for a return to form in '22, but Thomas was limited to three games. He turned 30 in March.

TYREEK HILL

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01 JUSTIN JEFFERSON

HT: 6-1 | WT: 195 | AGE: 24 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 299.4

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

Jefferson has three top-seven fantasy finishes behind him and hasn't even hit 10 percent TD rate in a season yet. What a stud.

Not a bad start to his career: Jefferson has finished seventh, fourth and first among WRs in half-PPR through three seasons. Jefferson has topped 27 percent target shares each of the past two years. Minnesota moving on from Adam Thielen and replacing him with rookie Jordan Addison shouldn't threaten that. Jefferson's targets weren't hurt by TE T.J. Hockenson's arrival, and the Vikings' spike in passing volume helped everyone. They jumped from 18th in pass rate in neutral situations in 2021 to ninth under head coach Kevin O'Connell in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	MIN	16	88	1,400	7	125	70.4%	7	0	2	0	230.2
2021	MIN	17	108	1,616	10	167	64.7%	7	1	14	0	276.4
2022	MIN	17	128	1,809	8	184	69.6%	9	0	24	1	304.7
2023 Proj.		17	124	1,756	10	185	67.0%	9	0	25	0	299.4

02 TYREEK HILL

HT: 5-10 | WT: 191 | AGE: 29 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 283.1

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Hill remained a dynamic, high-volume receiver despite leaving Patrick Mahomes. Bet on Hill until he gives you a reason not to.

Hill famously praised Tua Tagovailoa's accuracy shortly after arriving in Miami. The wideout then posted his best catch rate since 2017 and career highs in receptions and yards per game. He also endured the lowest TD rate of his career: 5.9 percent, more than two percentage points behind any of his other seasons. A lack of red-zone opportunities hurt. But the Dolphins finished just 11th in scoring compared with sixth in yards. They also climbed from 20th in TDs per game in 2021 to ninth last season. So there's some bad luck involved for Hill.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	KC	15	87	1,276	15	135	64.4%	3	0	123	2	285.4
2021	KC	17	111	1,239	9	159	69.8%	3	1	96	0	241.0
2022	MIA	17	119	1,710	7	170	70.0%	7	0	32	1	281.7
2023 Proj.		17	117	1,632	9	171	68.0%	7	1	50	0	283.1

03 COOPER KUPP

HT: 6-2 | WT: 208 | AGE: 30 | LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 278.6

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Kupp was the only player to average eight or more receptions each of the past two years. He remains a safe Round 1 bet.

Kupp was leading WR scorers for the second straight season before suffering an ankle sprain in Week 10. He was actually averaging more targets and catches per game than he had the year before. The injury did require surgery, but the issue shouldn't linger into the coming season. And Kupp will find a healthier QB when he returns. Matthew Stafford spent last offseason not throwing because of an elbow injury. He started throwing early this offseason and isn't too old at 35. Allen Robinson II washing out leaves the Rams relying even more on Kupp.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	LAR	15	92	974	3	124	74.2%	3	1	33	0	162.7
2021	LAR	17	145	1,947	16	191	75.9%	11	0	18	0	367.0
2022	LAR	9	75	812	6	98	76.5%	5	1	52	1	163.9
2023 Proj.		16	122	1,495	11	171	71.0%	9	0	0	0	278.6

04 JA'MARR CHASE

HT: 6-0 | WT: 201 | AGE: 23 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 271.0

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Chase ranked 12th in the league in catches despite missing five games. Look for a rebound in yardage. He might be unstoppable.

Chase finished among the top five fantasy receivers in 2021 despite ranking just 24th in target share. That level can make it tough to sustain such big numbers. So he and the Bengals fixed that. Chase ranked seventh in target share last year. And he delivered his second straight top-five finish despite declines in yards per catch and TD rate. Chase separated from Tee Higgins (35th) in target share after the two finished 2022 nearly identical in that category. Cincinnati became the most pass-happy team, throwing 65.6 percent of the time in neutral situations.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	CIN	17	81	1,455	13	128	63.3%	5	1	21	0	264.1
2022	CIN	12	87	1,046	9	134	64.9%	4	2	8	0	198.9
2023 Proj.		17	107	1,436	12	168	64.0%	7	0	0	0	271.0

05 STEFON DIGGS

HT: 6-0 | WT: 191 | AGE: 29 | BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 255.4

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

No one has more catches over the past three years than Diggs. Just three players have more yards. He's a first-round fantasy pick.

The Bills looked like a prime candidate to add a receiver via trade or the draft. Their biggest additions, though, have been rookie TE Dalton Kincaid and former Saints returner Deonte Harty. QB Josh Allen has said he expects to get more from WR Gabe Davis, who played through an ankle sprain early last year. The development of another threat in the Buffalo passing game might help Diggs find even a little more room to operate. Of course, he's done just fine through three years with Allen: three top-11 finishes in half-PPR points per game.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	BUF	16	127	1,535	8	166	76.5%	7	0	1	0	265.1
2021	BUF	17	103	1,225	10	164	62.8%	2	0	0	0	234.0
2022	BUF	16	108	1,429	11	154	70.1%	7	0	-3	0	262.6
2023 Proj.		17	113	1,413	10	164	69.0%	6	0	0	0	255.4

06 CEEDEE LAMB

HT: 6-2 | WT: 200 | AGE: 24 | DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 241.7

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Lamb won't be as strong a lock for target share this year, but expect plenty more slot reps. That should make him at least a consistent reception source.

With Amari Cooper gone to Cleveland and Michael Gallup coming off an ACL tear, Lamb became the dominant No. 1 receiver in Dallas. His 28.9 percent target share ranked eighth among WRs, and Lamb finished sixth in total fantasy points despite losing Dak Prescott for five games. Lamb will compete with a healthier Gallup and import Brandin Cooks this year. He played a lot more slot in 2022 — nearly 63 percent compared with 40 percent in 2021. His average target depth didn't change much, but Lamb's yards per route improved significantly in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	DAL	16	74	935	5	110	67.3%	2	1	82	1	174.7
2021	DAL	16	79	1,102	6	120	65.8%	3	0	76	0	193.3
2022	DAL	17	107	1,359	9	156	68.6%	5	0	47	0	248.1
2023 Proj.		17	104	1,340	8	154	67.5%	6	1	58	0	241.7

07 AMON-RA ST. BROWN

HT: 6-0 | WT: 195 | AGE: 23 | DETROIT LIONS

EFP: 240.9

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

St. Brown has spent his last 22 games as a top-12 WR in target share with one of the league's best catch rates. He's a PPR demon.

The Sun God lost one game and played less than 40 percent of the snaps in two others because of an early-season ankle sprain. He still finished fifth among wideouts in receptions. St. Brown also ranked fourth at the position in receiving yards. He continued hogging targets the way he did over the final six games of 2022. WR Jameson Williams will miss the first six games (suspension), which could add to St. Brown's opportunities. Rookie RB Jahmyr Gibbs should take the receiving work that went to D'Andre Swift last year.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	DET	17	90	912	5	119	75.6%	2	0	61	1	182.3
2022	DET	16	106	1,161	6	146	72.6%	4	0	95	0	214.6
2023 Proj.		17	118	1,300	7	167	71.0%	5	0	68	0	240.9

08 DAVANTE ADAMS

HT: 6-1 | WT: 215 | AGE: 30 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 231.8

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

Don't bet against Adams, but he comes with more question marks than many of the other top-level wideouts. Leave him until Round 2.

Adams' first Raiders season found him setting career highs in average target depth and yards per catch. He led the league in TD receptions for the second time in three years. But he also posted his worst catch rate since 2015 and fewest receptions per game since 2017. Vegas deployed him as much more of a deep threat than Adams was the previous two years in Green Bay. That led to boom/bust stat lines. Jimmy Garoppolo arrives without much deep-passing success behind him, which might motivate a change in approach.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	GB	14	115	1,374	18	149	77.2%	7	1	0	0	300.9
2021	GB	16	123	1,553	11	169	72.8%	8	0	0	0	282.8
2022	LV	17	100	1,516	14	180	55.6%	8	0	-1	0	285.5
2023 Proj.		16	94	1,253	10	155	61.0%	7	0	0	0	231.8

AMON-RA ST. BROWN

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09 A.J. BROWN

HT: 6-1 | WT: 226 | AGE: 26 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 230.6
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Brown has delivered yardage and scoring efficiency across four years and two different teams. He's a bona fide stud heading into his age-26 season.

Brown's first season in Philly found him playing every game for the first time since 2019. And he was efficient. He set a career high in receptions per game, beat his previous high in yards per game by 11.2 and ranked third among qualifiers in yards per catch. Brown finished fifth in half-PPR scoring with a TD rate (12.5 percent) right in line with his career numbers and a catch rate slightly below. He and fellow wideout DeVonta Smith showed that there was room for both to succeed, even in a run-friendly offense. A healthier TE Dallas Goedert could complicate things slightly.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	TEN	14	70	1,073	11	106	66.0%	4	1	0	0	206.3
2021	TEN	13	63	869	5	105	60.0%	3	0	10	0	149.4
2022	PHI	17	88	1,496	11	145	60.7%	5	2	0	0	255.6
2023 Proj.		16	82	1,300	10	134	61.5%	5	0	0	0	230.6

11 TEE HIGGINS

HT: 6-4 | WT: 219 | AGE: 24 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 220.8
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Cincinnati's pass-happier ways of 2022 should continue, making it easier for both Higgins and Ja'Marr Chase to contend for WR1 production.

Higgins ranked 23rd among WRs in 2021 target share to Ja'Marr Chase's No. 24. Chase broke away in 2022, though, ranking seventh (adjusted for games missed) vs. Higgins at No. 35. Part of Higgins' problem was sneaky injuries. He didn't officially miss any games. But he left Week 1 about a quarter in, played 10 total snaps in Week 5 and logged just one snap in Week 14. The Bengals' increased passing helps. They climbed to first in the league in neutral-situation pass rate in 2022, after ranking 13th the year before.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	CIN	15	67	908	6	108	62.0%	2	1	28	0	161.1
2021	CIN	14	74	1,091	6	110	67.3%	4	1	0	0	182.1
2022	CIN	16	74	1,029	7	109	67.9%	4	0	0	0	183.9
2023 Proj.		16	92	1,280	8	137	67.0%	5	0	0	0	220.8

10 DK METCALF

HT: 6-4 | WT: 235 | AGE: 25 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 224.2
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE
Metcalf is a nice early-draft value because of some bad TD luck in 2022. Grab him around the 2-3 turn and enjoy his bounce-back.

Metcalf finished 17th in half-PPR scoring in Geno Smith's first starting season, four spots behind teammate Tyler Lockett. But Metcalf beat Lockett in target share. And he did so by even more in 2021. Pro Football Focus also credited Metcalf with 10.5 "expected" TDs in 2022 (based primarily on where his targets occurred); Lockett 5.8. So luck played into Lockett's actual eight-to-six TD edge. Metcalf scored on 13.4 percent of his catches over his first three years; 6.7 percent last season. Look for a bounce-back in that category from the 26-year-old.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	SEA	16	83	1,303	10	129	64.3%	5	1	0	0	229.8
2021	SEA	17	75	967	12	129	58.1%	1	0	6	0	206.8
2022	SEA	17	90	1,048	6	141	63.8%	2	2	0	0	181.8
2023 Proj.		17	96	1,217	9	153	62.5%	4	0	0	0	224.2

12 JAYLEN WADDLE

HT: 5-10 | WT: 182 | AGE: 24 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 211.2
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Waddle isn't likely to pass Tyreek Hill. But his talent and Hill's presence should keep the efficiency high. He's a boom/bust pick.

Even with Tyreek Hill aboard, Waddle was terrific in his second season. He led the league with 18.1 yards per catch. He scored TDs above his expected level (eight TDs vs. 5.6 "expected," according to Pro Football Focus). Those high rates leave room for downside risk in 2023. But there's also room for development. Tua Tagovailoa's multiple concussions messed with offensive flow. And Hill has five more years of NFL experience than Waddle. The kid beat Hill, though, by 2.5 yards after catch per reception, on near-identical average target depths.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	MIA	16	104	1,015	6	141	73.8%	1	1	3	1	193.8
2022	MIA	17	75	1,356	8	117	64.1%	6	1	26	0	221.7
2023 Proj.		17	84	1,219	8	129	65.0%	5	0	17	0	211.2

13 TYLER LOCKETT

HT: 5-10 | WT: 182 | AGE: 30 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 209.3
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE
Lockett hasn't shown signs of decline, so we're not betting on Jaxon Smith-Njigba passing him this year. He remains a draft value.

Lockett outscored teammate DK Metcalf in 2022, but TD luck accounted for almost all the difference. Lockett trailed Metcalf in target share for the second straight season. And that's unlikely to change, with Metcalf just 26 and Lockett turning 31 in September. But there remains room for both. Geno Smith led the league in completion rate in his first starting season since 2014. He has topped five percent in TD rate each of the past two years. His new contract shows that the Seahawks believe. Lockett must hold off rookie Jaxon Smith-Njigba.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	SEA	16	100	1,054	10	132	75.8%	2	0	0	0	215.4
2021	SEA	16	73	1,175	8	107	68.2%	5	0	9	0	204.9
2022	SEA	16	84	1,033	9	117	71.8%	3	2	0	0	195.3
2023 Proj.		17	92	1,137	8	132	69.5%	3	0	0	0	209.3

14 GARRETT WILSON

HT: 6-0 | WT: 192 | AGE: 23 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 207.2
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
We're not doubting Wilson's talent after a terrific rookie year. But target volume is a significant concern given how early he's going.

Wilson performed much better than his teammates in 2022. He averaged 1.85 yards per route. The closest wideout with at least 10 receptions was Corey Davis at 1.35. Wilson also outperformed his team's QB play. His numbers actually proved better with all Jets passers not named Zach Wilson than with the former No. 2 overall pick. Aaron Rodgers presents an undeniable upgrade. But the arrivals of Allen Lazard and Mecole Hardman Jr. also add target competition. The unknown is how much this offense will lean pass.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	NYJ	17	83	1,103	4	147	56.5%	3	1	4	0	174.2
2023 Proj.		17	88	1198	7	141	62.0%	5	0	16	0	207.2

15 DEVONTA SMITH

HT: 6-0 | WT: 170 | AGE: 24 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 205.5
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
A.J. Brown might lower Smith's ceiling, but the strong offense boosts everyone. Smith is solid-to-good as a WR2 in this range.

A.J. Brown edged Smith in target share in his first season with the Eagles. And TE Dallas Goedert's presence (or absence) impacted Smith's numbers more than Brown's. Blame the difference in roles for that and Brown's higher production. Smith's 10.2-yard average depth of target was solid but fell short of Brown's 13.0. It also marked a steep decline from Smith's 2021 ADOT of 14.9. Philly's offensive changes for 2023 primarily stayed in the backfield. So we should expect similar roles and opportunities for both wideouts in 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	PHI	17	64	916	5	104	61.5%	2	1	0	0	153.6
2022	PHI	17	95	1,196	7	136	69.9%	5	1	0	0	207.1
2023 Proj.		17	91	1,192	7	134	68.0%	4	0	0	0	205.5

16 KEENAN ALLEN

HT: 6-2 | WT: 211 | AGE: 31 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 202.0
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE
Expect new coordinator Kellen Moore to keep the offense leaning pass. Even if his target share dips, Allen should deliver consistently in PPR.

Allen has gone from seventh among WRs in target share in Justin Herbert's first season (2019) to fifth, 15th and then 28th last season. That looks bad. But Allen was dealing with a hamstring injury until the final seven games. Over that span, he drew 26.5 percent of Chargers targets — much better than his full-season 22.5 percent. Of course, Mike Williams was dealing with an ankle sprain by that stretch. Williams returns as target competition, and the Chargers selected Quentin Johnston in Round 1. At least the team threw the league's second-most passes in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	LAC	14	100	992	8	147	68.0%	4	2	-1	0	195.1
2021	LAC	16	106	1,138	6	157	67.5%	4	0	0	0	204.8
2022	LAC	10	66	752	4	89	74.2%	2	1	8	0	131.0
2023 Proj.		16	102	1,098	7	149	68.0%	4	0	0	0	202.0

17 CHRIS OLAVE

HT: 6-0 | WT: 187 | AGE: 23 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 198.8
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
It's impossible not to like Olave after his strong debut. He's a solid pick across formats starting in the middle of Round 3.

Olave's 14.5 yards per catch as a rookie was impressive. It looks even better when you realize only six players ranked above him caught more passes. According to Pro Football Focus, Olave ranked sixth in yards per route among 84 WRs who drew at least 50 targets. The five guys ahead of him: Tyreek Hill, Justin Jefferson, A.J. Brown, Jaylen Waddle and Davante Adams. Olave will get a QB upgrade in Derek Carr. And the target competition remains unproven. Rashid Shaheed brings speed but little experience. Michael Thomas is a question mark.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	NO	15	72	1,042	4	119	60.5%	3	2	0	0	162.2
2023 Proj.		16	81	1,155	7	130	62.5%	4	0	0	0	198.8

18 DEEBO SAMUEL

HT: 6-0 | WT: 215 | AGE: 27 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 198.6
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Samuel remains an upside athlete who can produce as a receiver and rusher. He carries upside from mid-to-low WR2 territory.

We knew Samuel's 2022 couldn't match his 2021. The guy led the league with 18.2 yards per catch that year and racked up eight rushing scores. The rushing remained despite Christian McCaffrey's arrival. Better health for Elijah Mitchell in 2023 could cut that number down. Samuel got 32 of his carries in nine games Mitchell missed or left early. Samuel's target share dipped from sixth among WRs in 2021 to 19th last season (adjusted for games missed). It'll be tough for that to rebound with the crowd of competition.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	SF	7	33	391	1	44	75.0%	0	0	26	0	64.2
2021	SF	16	77	1,405	6	121	63.6%	5	2	365	8	302.5
2022	SF	13	56	632	2	94	59.6%	1	2	232	3	140.4
2023 Proj.		15	68	917	5	110	62.0%	2	1	265	3	198.6

DEEBO SAMUEL

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19 CHRISTIAN KIRK

HT: 5-11 | WT: 200 | AGE: 26 | JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 196.1
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE

We wouldn't be shocked to see Calvin Ridley outscore Kirk in fantasy. Feel free to pass on this Jaguar in favor of other receivers with higher ceilings.

Kirk delivered a WR12 half-PPR finish in his first Jacksonville season. But be careful. That came despite a No. 23 ranking among wideouts in target share. He'll face more competition there with Calvin Ridley's return from a gambling suspension. Ridley averaged 6.1 receptions per game across 2020-21 and is still just 28. Kirk earned a career-high Pro Football Focus receiving grade in 2022 but drew his shortest average target depth (9.6). That's good for his target share and catch rate, but it lowers his yardage upside.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	ARI	14	48	621	6	79	60.8%	1	0	3	0	122.4
2021	ARI	17	77	982	5	103	74.8%	1	0	11	0	169.1
2022	JAC	17	84	1,108	8	133	63.2%	3	1	11	0	199.9
2023 Proj.		17	84	1,090	7	129	65.0%	2	0	25	0	196.1

20 AMARI COOPER

HT: 6-1 | WT: 211 | AGE: 29 | CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 195.3
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Cooper is the undisputed No. 1 receiver with a star QB. This might prove to be a conservative projection, especially if Cleveland throws more.

Cooper matched the second-highest yards per catch of his career in his Cleveland debut. And that came despite having Jacoby Brissett and a shadow of Deshaun Watson as his QBs. Cooper's career-long average target depth of 13.3 yards helps explain that and his lowest catch rate since 2017. (Longer passes are tougher to complete.) His second-best yards per route could easily rise if Watson plays more like the old version in 2023. The additions of Elijah Moore and rookie Cedric Tillman won't challenge Cooper's role.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	DAL	16	92	1,114	5	130	70.8%	4	0	14	0	190.8
2021	DAL	15	68	865	8	104	65.4%	2	0	0	0	168.5
2022	CLE	17	78	1,160	9	132	59.1%	5	0	0	0	207.0
2023 Proj.		17	79	1,108	8	127	62.5%	4	0	0	0	195.3

AMARI COOPER

21 MIKE WILLIAMS

HT: 6-4 | WT: 218 | AGE: 28 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 194.7
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Williams is one of the more boom/bust players in this range, especially week to week. He's nice as a high WR3 or in a best-ball lineup.

Through the first seven games of last season, Williams was on pace for 90 catches, 1,202 yards and seven TDs. That line would have ranked him WR11 for the year in half-PPR. But he suffered a high-ankle sprain in Week 7, aggravated it in Week 11 and saw his production dip. Keenan Allen's absence through much of that opening stretch also didn't hurt Williams' targets. Allen should be healthier this year, and the Chargers added first-round pick Quentin Johnston. That'll challenge Williams' targets but might also draw attention away.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	LAC	14	48	756	5	85	56.5%	2	0	1	0	129.7
2021	LAC	16	76	1,146	9	129	58.9%	4	0	0	0	208.6
2022	LAC	13	63	895	4	93	67.7%	4	0	0	0	145.0
2023 Proj.		16	76	1,135	7	129	59.0%	5	0	0	0	194.7

22 CHRISTIAN WATSON

HT: 6-4 | WT: 208 | AGE: 24 | GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 190.8
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE

The biggest unknown in Green Bay is quarterback Jordan Love. We can't downgrade Watson for the QB switch, but it adds plenty of risk.

Watson spent last summer recovering from a "minor" knee surgery. Then a nagging hamstring injury all but wiped out the first half of his season. Once healthy, though, he immediately became a full-time player and Green Bay's lead target. From Week 10 on, he ranked top 10 at the position across formats. That production was really condensed to Weeks 10-13, which included eight total TDs. Watson faces added competition from classmate Romeo Doubs and a pair of 2023 second-rounders, WR Jayden Reed and TE Luke Musgrave.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	GB	14	41	611	7	66	62.1%	3	0	80	2	143.6
2023 Proj.		16	72	1,045	7	125	57.5%	4	0	52	0	190.8

23 JERRY JEUDY

HT: 6-1 | WT: 193 | AGE: 24 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 186.2
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE

Jeudy has been Denver's best WR when healthy. Rookie Marvin Mims Jr. lacks the play strength to challenge immediately, so roll with Jeudy.

Jeudy easily beat teammate Courtland Sutton in most receiving categories last season. Among 84 receivers who garnered at least 50 targets, Jeudy ranked 12th, Sutton 41st. In their shared, healthy games, Jeudy beat Sutton in target share, 22.5 percent to 19.9 percent. Jeudy also led Sutton in their shared 2021 games. The Broncos get wideout Tim Patrick back from an ACL tear this year, and they took WR Marvin Mims Jr. with the first pick of Sean Payton's tenure (Round 2). Of course, the key to everyone's upside will be whether QB Russell Wilson can rebound.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	DEN	16	52	856	3	113	46.0%	2	0	0	0	131.6
2021	DEN	10	38	467	0	56	67.9%	0	0	3	0	66.0
2022	DEN	15	67	972	6	100	67.0%	3	0	40	0	170.7
2023 Proj.		16	80	1,055	7	118	68.0%	2	0	0	0	186.2

24 TREYLON BURKS

HT: 6-2 | WT: 225 | AGE: 23 | TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 185.1
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE

Total passing volume won't be high. But if Burks shows development in camp and preseason, he could dominate targets. Chase the upside.

Burks ranked a lowly 60th among WRs in target share as a rookie, even with the adjustment for games missed. But he arrived with the tag of "raw" prospect. And then Burks had to deal with turf toe, a concussion and a terrible offense. The Titans return QB Ryan Tannehill, but a healthier version of Tannehill will be better than his 2022 plus Malik Willis' starts. Burks, meanwhile, faces next to no competition. Robert Woods is gone, leaving Nick Westbrook-Ikhine and Kyle Philips as the other two wideouts. Neither comes close to Burks' upside.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	TEN	11	33	444	1	54	61.1%	1	0	47	0	71.6
2023 Proj.		16	76	1,051	7	123	62.0%	1	1	34	0	185.1

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25 TERRY MCLAURIN

HT: 6-0 | WT: 210 | AGE: 27 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 185.1
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE

McLaurin's target share dipped with Carson Wentz. Otherwise, he has been Washington's leader since he arrived. He's safer than he seems.

McLaurin's QBs were so bad last year that neither remains with the team. Well, the guy who started the last game and threw six of his 19 attempts toward McLaurin is. And Washington is giving Sam Howell the first chance to win the starting job. But Jacoby Brissett also signed for more guaranteed money than Taylor Heinicke got in Atlanta. So expect Commanders coaches to keep Howell on a short leash. McLaurin finished 15th among WRs in half-PPR last year and has yet to rank lower than 28th for a season.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	WAS	15	87	1,118	4	134	64.9%	3	1	30	0	180.3
2021	WAS	17	77	1,053	5	130	59.2%	4	0	12	0	175.0
2022	WAS	17	77	1,191	5	120	64.2%	4	0	29	0	190.5
2023 Proj.		17	79	1,085	6	128	62.0%	3	0	16	0	185.1

26 CALVIN RIDLEY

HT: 6-1 | WT: 190 | AGE: 28 | JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 183.3
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE

Ridley was a top-24 fantasy wideout in Atlanta and is still just 28. His range of outcomes includes outscoring teammate Christian Kirk.

No one can really know what to expect from Ridley this season. He didn't play a snap in 2022 and missed all but five games in 2021 because of mental-health issues. He joins a Jacksonville offense that fostered a Christian Kirk breakout and an Evan Engram rebound last year. Both players return, along with Zay Jones and a solid backfield. Ridley should at least take over Marvin Jones Jr.'s vacated role. He'll need to do more than Jones to match this projection, though. Jones played just 62 percent of offensive snaps last year while the top two WRs exceeded 80 percent.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	ATL	15	90	1,374	9	143	62.9%	8	1	1	0	236.5
2021	ATL	5	31	281	2	52	59.6%	0	0	0	0	55.6
2022	ATL/JAC	DNP - Suspended										
2023 Proj.		16	77	1,035	7	120	64.0%	3	0	0	0	183.3

27 MICHAEL PITTMAN JR.

HT: 6-4 | WT: 223 | AGE: 25 | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 181.7
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE

Pittman is set up well for targets again but not in great shape to increase his efficiency. He's merely an OK high-end WR3.

Pittman's past two seasons have found him ranked 14th and 16th among wideouts in target share. Each year found him finishing a few spots lower in fantasy points, though. It's fair to blame that primarily on QB play. The Colts haven't had the same Week 1 starter for consecutive years since 2016. Matt Ryan last year might have been the worst of that stretch. Now comes some combo of Gardner Minshew and rookie Anthony Richardson. One has been OK in 24 career starts for two teams. The other started just 13 games in his college career.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	IND	13	40	503	1	61	65.6%	1	0	26	0	78.9
2021	IND	17	88	1,082	6	129	68.2%	2	0	44	0	194.6
2022	IND	16	99	925	4	141	70.2%	2	1	30	0	167.0
2023 Proj.		116	85	1,024	6	127	67.0%	2	0	0	0	181.7

28 DJ MOORE

HT: 5-11 | WT: 210 | AGE: 26 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 180.6
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE

You can believe in Moore and Justin Fields' passing upside and still not like his fantasy outlook. Passing volume is a serious question here.

Moore is arguably the best receiver the Bears have had in years. Unfortunately for his numbers, he lands with the team that was last season's most run-heavy. Trading for Moore and acquiring Chase Claypool indicate the Bears plan to throw more than 38 percent of the time, as they did in 2022. But even a drastic increase on that number would still put them around the bottom of the league in passing share. Moore ranked 14th among WRs in target share last year and should be a good bet for a similar share this year.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	CAR	15	66	1,193	4	118	55.9%	4	0	22	0	178.5
2021	CAR	17	93	1,157	4	163	57.1%	3	1	48	0	191.0
2022	CAR	17	63	888	7	118	53.4%	3	0	53	0	167.6
2023 Proj.		17	76	1,032	5	125	61.0%	1	0	62	0	180.6

29 CHRIS GODWIN

HT: 6-1 | WT: 208 | AGE: 27 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 180.1
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Playing with Tom Brady for three years skewed both floor and ceiling for Tampa WRs. Godwin is fine in WR3 range but risky above that.

The relative good news: Godwin's shorter-range game should make him an easier target than downfield Mike Evans for whoever wins the Bucs QB competition this summer. The worse news: Either QB will obviously mark a downgrade vs. Tom Brady, and the offense will almost certainly throw significantly less. Tampa led the league in pass attempts each of the past two years, topping 730 attempts each time. The league average last year was 564.7 attempts. Volume boosted Godwin, who ranked just 34th among WRs in target share.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	TB	12	65	840	7	84	77.4%	1	0	0	0	158.5
2021	TB	14	98	1,103	5	127	77.2%	5	2	21	1	193.4
2022	TB	15	104	1,023	3	142	73.2%	2	2	5	0	170.8
2023 Proj.		16	83	1,024	6	126	66.0%	2	0	0	0	180.1

30 DIONTAE JOHNSON

HT: 5-10 | WT: 183 | AGE: 27 | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 175.6
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE

Johnson has shown us before that he doesn't need terrific QB play. He just needs targets. At his depressed cost, he's a PPR steal.

No player has ever caught as many passes as Johnson did last year without scoring a TD. Only three WRs have ever caught 70-plus balls without reaching the end zone, and the other two did it in 1991 (Al Toon) and 1961 (Raymond Berry). Johnson hasn't been and probably never will be a high TD rate player. Apply his 7.9 percent TD rate from his first three seasons to last year, though, and Johnson jumps from WR39 in half-PPR to WR20. He did finish as WR9 in 2021, despite missing a game. He'll need QB Kenny Pickett to continue the growth from late last season.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	PIT	15	88	923	7	144	61.1%	2	1	15	0	177.8
2021	PIT	16	107	1,161	8	169	63.3%	3	2	53	0	220.9
2022	PIT	17	86	882	0	147	58.5%	0	0	25	0	137.7
2023 Proj.		117	87	921	6	142	61.0%	1	0	35	0	175.6

DJ MOORE

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33 DRAKE LONDON

HT: 6-4 | WT: 213 | AGE: 22 | ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 170.4
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Especially after taking Bijan Robinson eighth overall, this offense will remain run-heavy. That will lower the ceiling for this impressive wideout.

London finished his rookie season sixth among all players in target share. But you wouldn't know it from his traditional stats. Atlanta's run-heavy offense limited him to a tie for 22nd in targets and a No. 30 ranking in half-PPR points. Atlanta moved on from QB Marcus Mariota, but Desmond Ridder didn't show enough in his four-game starting debut to indicate that he's the answer. Atlanta signed Taylor Heinicke as insurance. He averaged 211.1 passing yards per game the past two years in Washington, which then chose Jacoby Brissett over Heinicke.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	ATL	17	72	866	4	117	61.5%	1	3	0	0	142.6
2023 Proj.		17	76	958	6	120	63.5%	2	0	0	0	170.4

34 MIKE EVANS

HT: 6-5 | WT: 231 | AGE: 30 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 165.9
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE
Evans has delivered for years, but multiple factors are working against him this year. If he gets to this range, you can draft him.

Evans has never finished an NFL season with fewer than 1,001 receiving yards. But 2023 sure has a good chance to be the first. The three-year Tom Brady run brought Evans' yards per catch down from 15.7 over his first six seasons to 14.3 from 2020-22. His catch rate and TD consistency climbed, though. And Tampa leading the league in pass attempts each of the past two years helped everything. Now it's Baker Mayfield vs. Kyle Trask, and either is likely to throw a lot less. Evans has also trailed Chris Godwin in target share and turns 30 in August.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	TB	16	70	1,006	13	109	64.2%	4	0	0	0	213.6
2021	TB	16	74	1,035	14	114	64.9%	2	0	10	0	225.5
2022	TB	15	77	1,124	6	127	60.6%	3	0	0	0	186.9
2023 Proj.		16	65	929	7	109	59.0%	2	0	0	0	165.9

31 GABE DAVIS

HT: 6-2 | WT: 225 | AGE: 24 | BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 174.8
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Davis was overpriced in fantasy drafts last year. Now he's underpriced. Don't let last year's results cloud your vision.

Davis let a lot of fantasy players down in 2022. But GM Brandon Beane said at his end-of-season press conference that Davis "finished on a strong note in the postseason." QB Josh Allen added that the team could put him in "better situations" to use his run-after-catch ability. Allen also said, "He's a guy you can trust and depend on." Davis' playing time never waned amid some struggles. And Buffalo's key receiving addition this offseason is a rookie tight end whom the team is touting as a big slot receiver. That won't threaten Davis' role.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	BUF	16	35	599	7	62	56.5%	1	0	0	0	119.4
2021	BUF	16	35	549	6	63	55.6%	1	0	0	0	108.4
2022	BUF	15	48	836	7	93	51.6%	1	1	0	0	147.6
2023 Proj.		17	60	970	8	111	53.5%	2	0	0	0	174.8

35 ALLEN LAZARD

HT: 6-5 | WT: 227 | AGE: 27 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 163.3
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Lazard has yet to present more than single-week upside. He's fine as a WR4 but will have a hard time sustaining fantasy production.

Lazard joined the Jets before Aaron Rodgers but was clearly part of the plan. His target share climbed from 12.6 percent in 2021 to 20.8 percent with Davante Adams gone. Lazard's move to the Jets, however, lines him up near Garrett Wilson, who performed like a corps leader after the Jets drafted him 10th overall. Lazard still ranked just 37th among WRs in target share last year, so don't overrate the familiarity. Corey Davis, Mecole Hardman Jr. and Randall Cobb figure to fall in behind Wilson and Lazard.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	GB	10	33	451	3	46	71.7%	1	0	17	0	81.3
2021	GB	15	40	513	8	60	66.7%	0	0	32	0	122.5
2022	GB	15	60	788	6	100	60.0%	1	0	0	0	144.8
2023 Proj.		16	68	887	7	106	64.0%	1	0	0	0	163.3

32 DEANDRE HOPKINS

HT: 6-1 | WT: 212 | AGE: 31 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 171.6
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
If Hopkins reprises last year's role and Kyler Murray opens the season on time, then this ranking will be way too low.

Hopkins lost six games to a PED suspension and then rejoined an offense that had been targeting Marquise Brown as the lead. He was coming off a big dip in target share, yet Hopkins rebounded to his target-hogging ways. He averaged 10.7 looks, 7.1 catches and 79.7 yards over his nine games. That's a full-season pace of 121 catches and 1,354 yards on 181 targets. Expect those averages to come down with more target competition and Hopkins getting older. If Hopkins stays in Arizona (following rampant trade rumors), Kyler Murray is also in question as he recovers from his torn ACL.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	ARI	16	115	1,407	6	160	71.9%	7	2	1	0	230.3
2021	ARI	10	42	572	8	64	65.6%	0	0	0	0	126.2
2022	ARI	9	64	717	3	96	66.7%	2	1	0	0	119.7
2023 Proj.		15	79	949	6	123	64.5%	2	0	0	0	171.6

36 SKYY MOORE

HT: 5-10 | WT: 195 | AGE: 23 | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 159.5
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Moore has a year on Rashee Rice and hasn't had a team give up on him yet (like Kadarius Toney). He's a "why not?" WR4 play.

The Chiefs' WR corps is a mystery that will play out through the summer. JuJu Smith-Schuster was the only wideout to get more than 81 targets in 2022. He's gone. So is Mecole Hardman Jr. Marquez Valdes-Scantling is the top returnee. Moore endured a disappointing rookie campaign, but K.C. drafted him in Round 2, and only Kadarius Toney and Travis Kelce got targeted on a higher percentage of the routes they ran in 2022. In the playoffs, Moore played 72 snaps vs. just 30 for Toney. That included seven targets in the AFC Championship Game.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	KC	16	22	250	0	33	66.7%	0	3	24	0	32.4
2023 Proj.		17	70	855	6	108	65.0%	1	0	47	0	159.5

37 JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER

HT: 6-1 | WT: 215 | AGE: 26 | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 154.5
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Smith-Schuster should be the No. 1 WR for a pass offense that looks iffy (at best). He's OK as a low WR3 in PPR but better as a WR4.

The Patriots chose Smith-Schuster in free agency over Jakobi Meyers, who led the team in targets each of the past three years. That says they believe Smith-Schuster to be an upgrade because they're similar players. Smith-Schuster increased his average depth of target in his lone Chiefs season but not back to the level of his first two Pittsburgh campaigns. That number could come down with the switch from Patrick Mahomes to Mac Jones. But Meyers' four Patriots seasons each produced an ADOT longer than Smith-Schuster's longest.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	PIT	16	97	831	9	128	75.8%	0	1	0	0	185.6
2021	PIT	5	15	129	0	28	53.6%	0	0	9	1	27.3
2022	KC	16	78	933	3	101	77.2%	2	2	0	0	146.3
2023 Proj.		16	74	864	5	111	66.5%	0	0	0	0	154.5

38 KADARIUS TONEY

HT: 6-0 | WT: 193 | AGE: 24 | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 154.5
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
There's open competition for targets among Chiefs WRs this summer. It's likely to be a committee approach like last year.

Toney offered a few more flashes than Skyy Moore after joining the Chiefs last year. He also got targeted on a higher percentage of his routes than any other Chief. Part of that, of course, was Toney running just 85 total routes (according to Pro Football Focus). In the playoffs alone, Moore ran 41 routes to Toney's 20. That doesn't necessarily put Moore ahead of Toney. But throw in Toney's hamstring struggles and the Giants giving up on him, and there's some risk. Of course, Kansas City did pay a third-round pick to acquire him.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	NYG	10	39	420	0	57	68.4%	1	0	6	0	62.9
2022	NYG/KC	9	16	171	2	20	80.0%	0	1	82	1	49.3
2023 Proj.		15	68	801	5	101	67.0%	1	1	72	0	154.5

39 ZAY JONES

HT: 6-2 | WT: 200 | AGE: 28 | JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 151.7
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Jones best fits on a best-ball roster, where you don't need to decide when to start him. He's a solid reserve otherwise, in an ascending offense.

Jones' first Jaguars season blew away the rest of his production to date. He averaged 9.7 half-PPR points per game. You have to look back to 2018 to find the only other time he averaged more than 5.0. Unfortunately for him, Jacksonville traded for WR Calvin Ridley last year and gets him on the active roster this year. Ridley should at least present a bigger challenge to target shares than a 32-year-old Marvin Jones Jr. did last year. Christian Kirk also remains after leading in 2022 targets. And the team tagged TE Evan Engram to keep him.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	LV	11	14	154	1	19	73.7%	0	0	0	0	29.6
2021	LV	17	47	546	1	70	67.1%	1	1	3	0	82.4
2022	JAC	16	82	823	5	121	67.8%	2	0	18	0	157.1
2023 Proj.		16	73	790	6	108	68.0%	1	0	14	0	151.7

40 BRANDON AIYUK

HT: 6-0 | WT: 200 | AGE: 25 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 150.5
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
San Francisco won't be a high-volume pass offense no matter who's behind center. That cuts into Aiyuk's upside even from WR4 range.

Aiyuk drew just 17.9 percent target share last year in the seven games he shared with both Christian McCaffrey and a healthy Deebo Samuel. That would have tied for just 51st among WRs for the season last year — right behind Curtis Samuel and Joshua Palmer. Aiyuk averaged 4.0 catches per game across eight Brock Purdy starts (including his two healthy playoff games). That was down from his 4.6 over the first 11 games. His yards per target picked up, though, from 8.8 before Purdy to 9.4 with him.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	SF	12	60	748	5	96	62.5%	2	0	77	2	154.5
2021	SF	17	56	826	5	84	66.7%	1	1	17	0	142.3
2022	SF	17	78	1,015	8	114	68.4%	1	1	23	0	188.8
2023 Proj.		17	63	846	5	97	65.0%	1	0	19	0	150.5

41 COURTLAND SUTTON

HT: 6-4 | WT: 216 | AGE: 27 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 148.7
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Add Sutton's issues to Russell Wilson's struggles in his first season in Denver, and there's little reason to bet heavily on this wideout.

Sutton has been out-produced by Jerry Jeudy when they've shared the field over the past two years. Last year found him a decent 25th among WRs in target share for the year. But most of his higher-target outings came in games Jeudy missed or left early. This season brings more challenges, with Tim Patrick coming off last summer's ACL tear and Marvin Mims Jr. arriving via Round 2 of the draft. New head coach Sean Payton also imported former Saints WR Marquez Callaway. And TE Greg Dulcich should be a factor after an impressive rookie year.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	DEN	1	3	66	0	6	50.0%	0	0	0	0	8.1
2021	DEN	17	58	776	2	98	59.2%	2	0	0	0	121.2
2022	DEN	15	64	829	2	109	58.7%	1	0	5	0	127.4
2023 Proj.		17	61	852	6	103	59.0%	2	0	0	0	148.7

42 ADAM THIELEN

HT: 6-2 | WT: 195 | AGE: 33 | CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 148.5
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Expect the shorter-range Thielen of his final two Minnesota years, likely with fewer TDs. He's a solid volume play as a PPR WR4.

GM Scott Fitterer said after signing Thielen as a free agent that he would play a key role in replacing DJ Moore. At 33 (in August), Thielen doesn't carry anywhere near the upside that Moore does as a player. But that indicates the opportunity he's about to get. Moore ranked 14th among WRs in target share last season. Thielen arrives with fellow newbie DJ Chark Jr., slow-starting Terrace Marshall Jr. and rookie Jonathan Mingo as his primary competition. Thielen should lead that group in targets as long as he's healthy.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	MIN	15	74	925	14	108	68.5%	3	0	15	0	217.0
2021	MIN	13	67	726	10	95	70.5%	1	0	2	0	166.3
2022	MIN	17	70	716	6	107	65.4%	0	0	4	0	145.0
2023 Proj.		16	72	760	6	115	62.5%	0	0	0	0	148.5

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43 GEORGE PICKENS

HT: 6-3 | WT: 200 | AGE: 22 | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 148.1
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
Pickens needs to improve, steal target share from Diontae Johnson and hope his QB improves. That makes him a bench option for fantasy.

Pickens ranked just 65th among all WRs in target share as a rookie, and he saw no significant boost with Kenny Pickett behind center as opposed to Mitch Trubisky. Pickens carried a 15.6-yard average depth of target, according to Pro Football Focus, 4.9 longer than Diotae Johnson's. Yet Johnson beat Pickens in yards per route. He even trailed Johnson in both red-zone and end-zone targets. Pickett said on The Pivot Podcast in April that Pickens worked on improving his route running in the offseason. The size and talent are there.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	PIT	17	52	801	4	84	61.9%	1	0	24	1	140.5
2023 Proj.		17	58	843	6	97	60.0%	2	0	18	0	148.1

44 MARQUISE BROWN

HT: 5-9 | WT: 170 | AGE: 26 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 146.4
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Brown hasn't finished higher than 26th in half-PPR points per game in a season. There's upside, but don't start out excited.

Brown opened last year with a 23.8 percent target share on a pass-friendly Arizona offense. But his share dropped to 19.7 percent when DeAndre Hopkins returned to the field. Kyler Murray's ACL recovery adds a question mark. And there's a new coaching staff that includes a first-time offensive coordinator. That's a lot of challenges. Brown did score as a top-eight WR across fantasy formats over the first six games last year, playing with his college QB. That means such a ceiling is possible for the former Round 1 pick.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	BAL	16	58	769	8	100	58.0%	1	0	1	0	154.0
2021	BAL	16	91	1,008	6	146	62.3%	3	1	5	0	180.8
2022	ARI	12	67	709	3	107	62.6%	1	0	1	0	122.5
2023 Proj.		16	70	793	5	114	61.0%	1	0	0	0	146.4

45 NICO COLLINS

HT: 6-4 | WT: 215 | AGE: 24 | HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 143.6
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Collins should be the most efficient Texans WR on yardage and TDs. That makes him the first bet in a range where upside matters most.

Collins is the leading returning target for Houston. He tied for just 62nd in total targets last season but ranked 46th at the position in target share when adjusted for injury. Collins also sported the deepest average target depth last season. That should line up well with new QB C.J. Stroud, who ranked 12th among all FBS QBs in deep-passing yards last season, according to Pro Football Focus. Robert Woods arrives as a target challenger, along with rookie Tank Dell and John Metchie III (missed 2022 for leukemia treatment).

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	HOU	14	33	446	1	60	55.0%	0	0	0	0	67.1
2022	HOU	10	37	481	2	66	56.1%	0	0	0	0	78.6
2023 Proj.		16	62	842	5	106	59.0%	1	0	0	0	143.6

46 BRANDIN COOKS

HT: 5-10 | WT: 189 | AGE: 29 | DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 143.6
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Target volume will challenge how frequently you start Cooks. But he's a good player with a good QB and upside if a WR teammate goes down.

Cooks' yards per catch fell to 11.8 over the past two years from 14.7 over the previous six. A decline in average target depth hurt, as did QB play. Cooks' two Houston seasons without Deshaun Watson produced the two lowest yards-per-target rates of his career. Dak Prescott should help; Prescott's yards per attempt have ranked among the league's top 13 for four straight years. Cooks might have a target share problem, though. CeeDee Lamb became a target hog last season, and Michael Gallup has been a steady presence and re-signed in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	HOU	15	81	1,150	6	119	68.1%	3	0	0	0	191.5
2021	HOU	16	90	1,037	6	134	67.2%	4	0	21	0	186.8
2022	HOU	13	57	699	3	93	61.3%	1	0	7	0	117.1
2023 Proj.		15	64	813	5	98	65.0%	1	0	0	0	143.6

GEORGE PICKENS

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47 K.J. OSBORN

HT: 5-11 | WT: 203 | AGE: 26 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 142.0
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
We'll be watching Osborn and Jordan Addison battle for the No. 2 spot in camp. Don't expect big separation between them in fantasy.

Osborn increased his playing time in 2022 and passed Adam Thielen in yards per catch. But he lost target depth (from 10.9 yards to 8.6, according to Pro Football Focus). That will keep his yardage down. And the arrival of first-round WR Jordan Addison limits his target upside. Osborn went from a near-even split between inside and outside in 2021 to running from the slot on 59 percent of pass plays last season, according to Pro Football Focus. Head coach Kevin O'Connell said after the draft that the team would also train Addison at all WR spots.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	MIN	8	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.0
2021	MIN	17	50	655	7	82	61.0%	0	0	10	0	133.5
2022	MIN	17	60	650	5	90	66.7%	2	0	6	0	125.6
2023 Proj.		17	65	750	6	102	64.0%	0	0	14	0	142.0

48 RASHOD BATEMAN

HT: 6-1 | WT: 197 | AGE: 23 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 141.6
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Bateman hasn't had much of a chance yet to prove himself. This offseason's high-value additions will challenge that happening in 2023.

Bateman got off to a questionable start last year for supposedly being the team's top wideout. He didn't exceed 66 percent playing time in a game and never caught more than four balls. A foot injury ended his season before the midway point. Now the former first-round pick faces serious competition from Odell Beckham Jr. and 2023 first-rounder Zay Flowers. Add that group to Mark Andrews, and targets get tough to project. There should at least be a lot more available after the switch to pass-favoring coordinator Todd Monken.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	BAL	12	46	515	1	68	67.6%	1	0	0	0	80.5
2022	BAL	6	15	285	2	28	53.6%	1	1	0	0	46.0
2023 Proj.		15	60	828	5	100	60.0%	1	0	0	0	141.6

49 JAHAN DOTSON

HT: 5-11 | WT: 182 | AGE: 23 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 137.7
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Dotson looks like a good player, but he's destined to trail Terry McLaurin for targets in a questionable offense. Not exciting for redraft.

Dotson started strong, with Carson Wentz spreading targets around. But Terry McLaurin drew a larger share after Taylor Heinicke stepped in, and Dotson lost five games to a hamstring injury. He ultimately finished WR40 in half-PPR points per game, but that was inflated by a 20 percent TD rate. His 2.9 receptions per game for the year ranked just 99th in the league. Washington appears to be giving former fifth-round pick Sam Howell the first shot at winning this year's starting QB gig. Jacoby Brissett as insurance doesn't add passing upside.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	WAS	12	35	523	7	61	57.4%	1	0	-7	0	113.1
2023 Proj.		16	58	788	5	97	60.5%	1	0	15	0	137.7

50 VAN JEFFERSON

HT: 6-1 | WT: 200 | AGE: 27 | LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 133.2
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Jefferson's top competition (behind Cooper Kupp) might be tiny Tutu Atwell and rookie Puka Nacua. He's a stash with volume upside.

Jefferson became the No. 2 WR as soon as L.A. traded Allen Robinson II to Pittsburgh. Given the way Robinson played in 2022, Jefferson was probably already there. His 2022 started slowly after knee surgery near the start of training camp; Jefferson didn't catch a pass until Week 10 and then never topped three receptions or 61 yards in a game. Losing Matthew Stafford in Week 11 didn't help. The QB is much healthier this offseason after dealing with elbow trouble last year. And the Rams couldn't afford to import WR competition.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	LAR	14	19	220	1	31	61.3%	0	0	-1	0	37.4
2021	LAR	17	50	802	6	89	56.2%	0	0	20	0	143.2
2022	LAR	11	24	369	3	44	54.5%	0	0	0	0	66.9
2023 Proj.		17	54	781	5	94	57.0%	0	0	0	0	133.2

51 CURTIS SAMUEL

HT: 5-11 | WT: 195 | AGE: 27 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 132.3
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Samuel is a short-range receiver with a seven percent TD rate in a lackluster offense. He's fine to pass over when you reach him on your list.

Samuel benefited most from Carson Wentz's presence. He averaged 8.3 targets over the first six games before Wentz's finger surgery. Samuel plummeted to 3.8 targets per contest the rest of the way, actually garnering the same number of carries (30) as catches over the final 11 games. Washington passed less frequently after the QB change, and Taylor Heinicke targeted Terry McLaurin more often (as he should have). Expect the pass rate to stay down this year, regardless of who wins the Sam Howell-Jacoby Brissett QB battle.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	CAR	15	77	851	3	97	79.4%	4	0	200	2	173.6
2021	WAS	5	6	27	0	9	66.7%	0	0	11	0	6.8
2022	WAS	17	64	656	4	92	69.6%	0	1	187	1	144.3
2023 Proj.		16	58	638	4	85	67.5%	0	1	125	1	132.3

52 JAKOBI MEYERS

HT: 6-2 | WT: 200 | AGE: 26 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 132.3
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Meyers doesn't have the speed to challenge deep but could work the mid-range. Darren Waller's departure leaves PPR upside.

Meyers seems like a short-range slot receiver. But his average depth of target has been 9.8 yards or longer in each of his four seasons so far. That puts him in the range of Darren Waller's last two seasons with the Raiders and farther downfield than new teammate Hunter Renfrow. Meyers' career-high yards per catch to date (13.8) came in his rookie year, with Tom Brady at QB and Josh McDaniels the OC. These Raiders might envision Meyers working a little deeper than you'd expect, similar to the role Mack Hollins filled in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	NE	12	59	729	0	81	72.8%	2	1	9	0	117.0
2021	NE	17	83	866	2	126	65.9%	0	1	9	0	144.8
2022	NE	14	67	804	6	96	69.8%	1	2	-11	0	146.8
2023 Proj.		16	65	781	4	100	65.0%	0	0	0	0	132.3

53 ROBERT WOODS

HT: 6-0 | WT: 195 | AGE: 31 | HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 131.1
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Woods has long been a shorter-range player. That can help him stay relevant even if he's lost a step. You can stash him later than this.

Woods stunk last year. He set career lows in yards per catch and yards per game. His 3.1 receptions per game and 58.2 percent catch rate were his lowest marks since his rookie year (2013). Woods might be done. But he was also coming off a November ACL tear from the previous year. Houston guaranteed him $10 million on a two-year deal. Allen Robinson II showed us with the Rams that money doesn't guarantee production, but it suggests the Texans believe he can bounce back. There's opportunity vs. unproven young WRs and with No. 2 pick C.J. Stroud.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	LAR	16	90	936	6	129	69.8%	2	1	155	2	200.1
2021	LAR	9	45	556	4	69	65.2%	1	0	46	1	114.7
2022	TEN	17	53	527	2	91	58.2%	0	1	0	0	89.2
2023 Proj.		16	67	720	4	106	63.0%	0	0	0	0	131.1

VAN JEFFERSON

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MICHAEL GALLUP

56 TYLER BOYD

HT: 6-2 | WT: 203 | AGE: 28 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 126.4

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Boyd is a handcuff WR. If Ja'Marr Chase or Tee Higgins goes down, then he becomes a potential starter. The ceiling isn't high.

Boyd's receptions per game topped 5.0 in three straight seasons, 2018-20. But they have tailed off the past two years, to 4.2 in 2021 and 3.6 last year. Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins have dominated the opportunities. Boyd, meanwhile, has increased his efficiency. His 8.8 and 9.3 yards per target the past two years rank third and second among his seven NFL rates. Boyd has also topped 70 percent catch rate in each of Joe Burrow's three seasons. Boyd heads into the final year of his contract; he'll turn 29 in mid-November.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	CIN	15	79	841	4	110	71.8%	2	0	49	0	153.1
2021	CIN	16	67	828	5	94	71.3%	1	0	22	0	150.3
2022	CIN	16	58	762	5	82	70.7%	2	0	0	0	138.1
2023 Proj.		17	58	727	4	83	70.0%	1	0	0	0	126.4

57 ALEC PIERCE

HT: 6-3 | WT: 211 | AGE: 23 | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 126.0

BYE WEEK: 11

ATHLON'S TAKE

Pierce has the speed to get deep and the size to be attractive in the end zone. That's enough to make him an intriguing stash.

Pierce's playing time quickly ramped up as a rookie. He played less than 60 percent of the snaps in each of his first five outings. From Week 5 on, though, he played more than 70 percent in eight of 11 contests. The Colts let WR Parris Campbell walk this offseason, ostensibly replacing him with third-round rookie WR Josh Downs. According to Pro Football Focus, Pierce sported a 12.2-yard average target depth last year, 4.5 deeper than Michael Pittman Jr. Pierce could work well with the big arm of Anthony Richardson when the rookie QB is ready.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	IND	16	41	593	2	78	52.6%	0	0	0	0	91.8
2023 Proj.		17	53	746	4	92	57.0%	1	0	0	0	126.0

54 JORDAN ADDISON

HT: 6-0 | WT: 175 | AGE: 21 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 128.0

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

K.J. Osborn arguably looks a little safer than the rookie. But Addison comes with a better pedigree. He could be the No. 2 guy by August.

Addison joins a Vikings offense with opportunity after shedding WR Adam Thielen. He arrives with speed nearly identical to K.J. Osborn's but stands an inch shorter and roughly 30 pounds lighter. That doesn't appear likely to dictate roles, as head coach Kevin O'Connell has said he wants to train all of his receivers at each spot. Addison won the Biletnikoff Award as FBS' best WR with Kenny Pickett in 2021. He followed with a just OK junior season at USC by comparison. Addison's small frame raises durability questions.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2023 Proj.		17	60	698	4	95	63.0%	0	0	30	0	128.0

58 MICHAEL GALLUP

HT: 6-1 | WT: 198 | AGE: 27 | DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 126.0

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Gallup works best for best-ball formats. At this point, he's a boom/bust weekly option who wins with big plays over volume.

Gallup's target share lined up with previous seasons last year. But he clearly wasn't all the way back to full strength. His yards per catch finished 3.4 yards short of his career rate — 4.7 shy of the average over his first three seasons. Gallup also averaged the fewest receptions per game since his rookie year, which was also the last time his catch rate was so bad. His yards per target fell 1.5 short of even that season. Gallup will be healthier this year, but WR Brandin Cooks arrives to challenge the consistency of his targets.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	DAL	16	59	843	5	105	56.2%	2	0	0	0	143.8
2021	DAL	9	35	445	2	62	56.5%	1	0	0	0	74.0
2022	DAL	14	39	424	4	74	52.7%	0	0	0	0	85.9
2023 Proj.		16	54	722	5	95	56.5%	1	0	0	0	126.0

55 TIM PATRICK

HT: 6-4 | WT: 212 | AGE: 29 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 127.2

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Patrick looked like a player on the rise when he went down. Now he looks like a No. 3 at best with questions at QB. Meh.

Patrick tore his right ACL on Aug. 2 and missed the 2022 season. He was cleared for full activity by late March, though. The knee shouldn't specifically be an issue for the coming season. We'll have to see if he can get immediately back to being the guy averaging 14.0 yards per catch for his career. Patrick's usage jumped over his last two active seasons, when he benefited from Courtland Sutton and Jerry Jeudy taking turns missing large chunks of time. Both are still around, and the Broncos added rookie WR Marvin Mims Jr. in Round 2.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	DEN	15	51	742	6	79	64.6%	3	0	0	0	135.7
2021	DEN	16	53	734	5	85	62.4%	0	0	0	0	129.9
2022	DEN	DNP - Injury										
2023 Proj.		16	53	736	5	86	62.0%	0	0	0	0	127.2

59 ISAIAH HODGINS

HT: 6-3 | WT: 201 | AGE: 24 | NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 124.7

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

No Giants WR appears worth significant redraft investment. But Hodgins looks like the top early bet. We'll see about rookie Jalin Hyatt.

Hodgins probably wishes he could play the 2022 Vikings every week. He totaled 16 catches for 194 yards and two TDs in two meetings last year (one in the playoffs). Those two games accounted for 38.3 percent of his total fantasy points. But Hodgins delivered double-digit half-PPR scores in five of the final seven contests — impressive work for a guy snatched off Buffalo's practice squad during the year. He faces a crowd of contenders in 2023. The Giants added WRs via the draft, free agency and injury returns.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	BUF/NYG	10	37	392	4	48	77.1%	0	1	0	0	81.7
2023 Proj.		17	58	676	5	86	67.0%	1	0	0	0	124.7

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60 ODELL BECKHAM JR.

HT: 5-11 | WT: 198 | AGE: 30 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 121.5
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE

Beckham could easily flip spots with Rashod Bateman on this list. Or Zay Flowers could be the guy. It's boom/bust wherever you try him.

Beckham's contract suggests he should sit much higher than this in the rankings. (And he does if you sort by points per game.) The Ravens guaranteed nearly all of the $15 million on his one-year deal. But his past three years have been a mix of injuries, missed time and mediocre production. Beckham has averaged just 3.8 receptions and 51.1 yards per game since his final Giants season (2018). He has a pair of ACL tears behind him. He has played in just 96 of a possible 146 career games. And the Baltimore WR room is suddenly crowded.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	CLE	7	23	319	3	44	52.3%	0	0	72	1	75.3
2021	CLE/LAR	14	44	537	5	82	53.7%	0	0	14	0	107.1
2022		DNP										
2023 Proj.		15	53	698	4	91	58.0%	1	0	0	0	121.5

61 ELIJAH MOORE

HT: 5-10 | WT: 180 | AGE: 23 | CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 121.0
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Moore's 2022 was too bad for us to believe in him being relevant in 2023. He remains a dynasty stash, unless you can find a buyer.

Moore fared better with other QBs than he did with Zach Wilson during his time with the Jets. (Duh.) But the team that drafted him 34th overall in 2021 gave up on him just two years later. And all they got for him was a one-round move up the draft board (from 74th overall to 42nd). That puts the onus on Moore to prove he can rebound from a bad 2022. He gets an obvious QB upgrade, assuming Deshaun Watson plays much more like his old self, of course. Moore also must battle Donovan Peoples-Jones and rookie Cedric Tillman for playing time.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	NYJ	11	43	538	5	77	55.8%	1	0	54	1	116.7
2022	NYJ	16	37	446	1	65	56.9%	0	0	5	0	69.6
2023 Proj.		16	53	693	4	85	62.0%	1	0	0	0	121.0

62 DARNELL MOONEY

HT: 5-11 | WT: 173 | AGE: 25 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 117.8
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE

It's fine to keep Mooney stashed on dynasty rosters to see what happens, especially because you can't get anything for him right now.

A year ago, Mooney looked like an ascending receiver tied to a young stud QB. Then the Bears traded an early second-rounder for Chase Claypool. And then came the blockbuster move for DJ Moore. So Mooney now might sit third among WRs in the offense that passed on less than 40 percent of offensive plays last year. That rate should rise — probably by a lot — in 2023, but Chicago's not about to go high volume with the passing. Even if Mooney spends the year second in target distribution, the volume looks questionable.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	CHI	16	61	631	4	98	62.2%	0	0	20	0	121.6
2021	CHI	17	81	1,055	4	140	57.9%	4	0	32	1	179.2
2022	CHI	12	40	493	2	61	65.6%	0	0	2	0	81.5
2023 Proj.		17	53	692	4	86	62.0%	1	0	10	0	117.8

63 DONOVAN PEOPLES-JONES

HT: 6-2 | WT: 204 | AGE: 24 | CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 117.8
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Peoples-Jones is an upside later best-ball stack with Deshaun Watson. Otherwise, he's probably not starting in most leagues.

Peoples-Jones fared decently in reception volume last year before Deshaun Watson stepped in. He averaged 3.8 catches and 53.9 yards per game through Week 11. That's a 17-game pace of 65 receptions and 916 yards. The averages slipped to 3.2 catches and 41 yards after Watson took over. Then the team traded for Elijah Moore and drafted Cedric Tillman early in Round 3. Peoples-Jones might continue to work ahead of them. Or he could lose ground. Peoples-Jones finished last year 45th among WRs in target share.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	SF	12	60	748	5	96	62.5%	2	0	77	2	154.5
2021	CLE	14	34	597	3	58	58.6%	1	1	0	0	92.7
2022	CLE	17	61	839	3	96	63.5%	1	1	2	0	130.6
2023 Proj.		17	48	693	4	77	62.0%	1	0	0	0	117.8

64 MECOLE HARDMAN JR.

HT: 5-10 | WT: 187 | AGE: 25 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 117.0
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE

If Hardman couldn't be a real fantasy factor with Patrick Mahomes, it's tough to envision a breakthrough with Old Man Rodgers.

After four years with the Chiefs, Hardman got $4.5 million on a one-year deal from the Jets. That gives him a shot to compete for the No. 3 spot in a crowded WR corps. The Jets return 2022 breakout Garrett Wilson. They signed Allen Lazard and Randall Cobb to coincide with Aaron Rodgers' arrival. Corey Davis remains on hand. Hardman averaged just 2.6 receptions and 36.6 yards per game with the Chiefs. He did score on a solid 10.6 percent of his receptions. Hardman should also factor into returns after scoring twice for K.C. in that area.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	KC	16	41	560	4	62	66.1%	0	2	31	0	101.6
2021	KC	17	59	693	2	83	71.1%	1	2	46	0	111.4
2022	KC	8	25	297	4	34	73.5%	0	0	31	2	81.3
2023 Proj.		17	48	630	4	74	65.0%	0	0	37	0	117.0

65 QUENTIN JOHNSTON

HT: 6-4 | WT: 215 | AGE: 22 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 116.2
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

The draft's No. 2 WR with last year's No. 2 offense in pass attempts? Sounds to us like an upside stash across formats.

After the Chargers added Johnston as the second WR off the board, head coach Brandon Staley lauded his run-after-catch ability. Johnston stood out for his size (6-foot-4, 215 pounds), especially in a relatively tiny WR class. But he played more like a smaller receiver in college. His biggest plays came after the catch and on deep balls, and he fared just OK on jump balls. Johnston should be able to win the No. 3 job from Joshua Palmer. That would position him as an upside 2023 handcuff to Mike Williams and Keenan Allen.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2023 Proj.		16	49	692	4	88	56.0%	1	0	0	0	116.2

MECOLE HARDMAN JR.

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66 JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA

HT: 6-1 | WT: 200 | AGE: 21 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 113.7

BYE WEEK: 5

ATHLON'S TAKE

JSN will need an injury to either DK Metcalf or Tyler Lockett if he's to find fantasy relevance in 2023. He remains a dynasty option.

Smith-Njigba did most of his college work as a 2021 sophomore. He out-produced Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave, who then spent last year impressing as NFL rookies. JSN, though, missed most of 2022 with a hamstring injury. He now lands in a Seattle offense that's set at the top two WR spots, likes to run the ball and plays multiple tight ends. DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett tallied 141 and 117 targets last year, respectively. All other Seattle WRs combined for 75. Lockett turns 31 in September and carries big cap numbers for 2024 and 2025.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2023 Proj.		15	53	621	4	81	65.0%	0	0	0	0	113.7

67 DJ CHARK JR.

HT: 6-3 | WT: 200 | AGE: 26 | CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 111.3

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Chark is a down-field threat but has averaged just 3.3 catches per game for his career. He's a bench guy in most leagues.

Chark signed a one-year deal with the Panthers at about one-third the guaranteed money Adam Thielen got on a three-year pact. That pretty clearly positions their early expectations. Carolina also returns Terrace Marshall Jr. and drafted Jonathan Mingo in Round 2. The new coaching staff led by Frank Reich has no ties to Marshall, but the former second-round pick stands as competition. He has just 45 receptions through two pro seasons, though. Chark lost six games to injury in his lone Detroit season but averaged 16.7 yards per catch when he played.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	JAC	13	53	706	5	93	57.0%	1	0	0	0	127.1
2021	JAC	4	7	154	2	22	31.8%	0	0	0	0	30.9
2022	DET	11	30	502	3	52	57.7%	1	0	0	0	83.2
2023 Proj.		15	45	648	4	80	56.0%	0	0	0	0	111.3

68 RONDALE MOORE

HT: 5-7 | WT: 180 | AGE: 23 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 110.7

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

There's not much reason to be excited about Moore after two years. We'll see whether Arizona clears a path for him to more opportunities.

Moore did well on targets last year in the five healthy games in which he was able to man the slot. Kliff Kingsbury's departure makes it less clear that the slot will be so lucrative. (It also produced big numbers for Greg Dortch.) DeAndre Hopkins' future has also lacked clarity this offseason. If Hopkins, Moore and Marquise Brown all line up together in Week 1, then it'll be tough to find Moore the target volume he needs to produce worthwhile fantasy numbers. A Hopkins trade at any point would make a huge difference.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2021	ARI	14	54	435	1	64	84.4%	1	1	76	0	82.1
2022	ARI	8	41	414	1	56	73.2%	0	0	-5	0	67.4
2023 Proj.		14	58	580	3	80	72.0%	0	1	57	0	110.7

69 ROMEO DOUBS

HT: 6-2 | WT: 204 | AGE: 23 | GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 110.3

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

We don't know yet whether Jordan Love can support two fantasy-relevant pass catchers. Doubs' outlook should be clearer come August.

Doubs generated buzz throughout last spring and summer. He slipped behind Christian Watson in production over the second half of the year, though, while dealing with injury. This season brings Round 2 target challengers in WR Jayden Reed and TE Luke Musgrave. There's still some support for Doubs as the team's potential reception leader. But how much passing volume can you hope for in Jordan Love's first starting turn? That's tough to know. Green Bay hung around the league middle in run-pass split with Aaron Rodgers.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	GB	13	42	425	3	67	62.7%	0	1	11	0	80.6
2023 Proj.		16	49	623	4	82	60.0%	0	0	0	0	110.3

DJ CHARK JR.

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70 RASHID SHAHEED

HT: 6-0 | WT: 180 | AGE: 25 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 109.3

BYE WEEK: 11

ATHLON'S TAKE

If Michael Thomas stays on the field, it'll be tough for Shaheed to find regular touches. Stash the young guy in dynasty, though.

Shaheed touched the ball just 32 times on offense last year, but he scored on three of those touches. The final five games saw Shaheed take on a starting role. He averaged 4.0 catches and 64.8 yards per game over that span and exceeded 60 percent playing time four times. Shaheed said early this offseason that he was working on getting "bigger, faster [and] stronger." The former undrafted free agent stood just 6-0 and 185 pounds as a prospect. As long as the speed remains, a bit more muscle shouldn't hurt.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2022	NO	12	28	488	2	34	82.4%	0	0	57	1	86.5
2023 Proj.		17	44	609	4	69	63.0%	0	0	44	0	109.3

71 MICHAEL THOMAS

HT: 6-3 | WT: 212 | AGE: 30 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 109.1
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE

Thomas can be worth a shot anywhere from low-WR4 territory on, depending on your format. He's a low-risk bet as a reserve.

Thomas had an operation early this offseason to remove hardware from the foot he had repaired during last season. The team expected Thomas to be all set for training camp. Thomas did catch at least five passes in each of the three games he made it to in 2022. That makes 10 total games over the past three years. Now 30, Thomas could still find plenty of opportunities available if he can stay on the field. Chris Olave looks like a potential star. Otherwise, Rashid Shaheed and the TEs look like top contenders for targets in Thomas' area.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	NO	8	40	438	0	55	72.7%	2	0	1	0	63.9
2021	NO	DNP - Injury										
2022	NO	3	16	171	3	22	72.7%	0	0	0	0	43.1
2023 Proj.		14	53	604	4	80	66.5%	0	0	0	0	109.1

72 COREY DAVIS

HT: 6-3 | WT: 209 | AGE: 28 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 107.2
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE

Davis is still just 28. He can be decent but has also averaged only 3.5 catches per game for his career. He's forgettable.

Davis stuck around through early offseason trade rumors. Now he gets easily the best QB of his career to date. But how much room is there? The Jets traded away WR Elijah Moore and imported Allen Lazard, Randall Cobb and Mecole Hardman Jr. Cobb isn't likely to command many targets. Hardman might prove most useful as a return man. He averaged just 2.6 receptions per game across four years with Patrick Mahomes. Davis has been solid but unspectacular.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	TEN	14	65	984	5	92	70.7%	5	1	0	0	158.9
2021	NYJ	9	34	492	4	59	57.6%	1	1	0	0	88.2
2022	NYJ	13	32	536	2	64	50.0%	0	0	0	0	81.6
2023 Proj.		15	47	629	4	76	61.0%	0	0	0	0	107.2

73 DARIUS SLAYTON

HT: 6-1 | WT: 194 | AGE: 26 | NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 106.6
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE

Slayton got overshadowed by Isaiah Hodgins and Richie James over the second half of last season. We're not buying him now.

Slayton opened the year not even in the lineup. But his playing time built as other WRs suffered injuries. Slayton wound up playing 80 percent of snaps or more every game from Week 10 on. And then the Giants re-signed him to a two-year deal. Slayton is the team's best incumbent deep threat (15.0 ypr for his career) and shouldn't be threatened by third-round rookie Jalin Hyatt after signing the new deal. Slayton's yards per target leaped from 5.8 in 2021 to a new personal best of 10.2.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	NYG	16	50	751	3	96	52.1%	2	1	-1	0	116.0
2021	NYG	13	26	339	2	58	44.8%	0	1	-13	0	55.6
2022	NYG	16	46	724	2	71	64.8%	0	1	0	0	105.4
2023 Proj.		16	43	637	4	70	61.0%	1	0	0	0	106.6

74 RUSSELL GAGE JR.

HT: 6-0 | WT: 185 | AGE: 27 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 105.8
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Gage is nothing more than an end-of-draft consideration in best ball. He won't be startable in most leagues.

Gage signed a three-year deal worth $10 million a season in 2022 free agency. He had to take a pay cut to stick with the team after dealing with injuries all season. His short-range game could be helpful to the new QB — whoever that is — behind a shaky offensive line. That said, Pro Football Focus had Chris Godwin's average depth of target just 0.1 deeper last year. Gage's pay cut could allow room for an emerging younger player such as sixth-rounder Trey Palmer to push Godwin into the slot and add speed outside.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2020	ATL	16	72	786	4	109	66.1%	1	0	9	0	147.1
2021	ATL	14	66	770	4	94	70.2%	2	2	0	0	130.0
2022	TB	13	51	426	5	70	72.9%	0	1	0	0	98.1
2023 Proj.		16	54	580	4	81	66.0%	0	0	0	0	105.8

75 JAYDEN REED

HT: 5-11 | WT: 187 | AGE: 23 | GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 105.8
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE

Reed earned work immediately at each of his two college stops. He's worth stashing late in case that happens in Green Bay.

Reed claimed a role immediately as a true freshman at Western Michigan, out-producing then-junior (now-Seahawk) Dee Eskridge. He then transferred to Michigan State and claimed target shares of more than 20 percent all three years he played there. Reed worked outside and inside in college but ran almost exclusively from the slot at the Senior Bowl. If that's how Packers coaches view him, then he could fit nicely between Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs among Green Bay's top three. He can also return kicks.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	FanPts
2023 Proj.		16	54	580	4	81	66.0%	0	0	0	0	105.8

COREY DAVIS

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TRAVIS KELCE

TIGHT ENDS

STAFF TOP 12s

	MICHAEL FABIANO	JENNIFER PIACENTI	KYLE WOOD	CRAIG ELLENPORT	MATT SCHAUF
1.	TRAVIS KELCE	TRAVIS KELCE	TRAVIS KELCE	TRAVIS KELCE	TRAVIS KELCE
2.	MARK ANDREWS	T.J. HOCKENSON	T.J. HOCKENSON	MARK ANDREWS	MARK ANDREWS
3.	T.J. HOCKENSON	GEORGE KITTLE	MARK ANDREWS	GEORGE KITTLE	T.J. HOCKENSON
4.	GEORGE KITTLE	MARK ANDREWS	GEORGE KITTLE	T.J. HOCKENSON	KYLE PITTS
5.	DALLAS GOEDERT	DALLAS GOEDERT	DALLAS GOEDERT	DARREN WALLER	DALLAS GOEDERT
6.	KYLE PITTS	DARREN WALLER	DARREN WALLER	KYLE PITTS	DARREN WALLER
7.	DARREN WALLER	PAT FREIERMUTH	PAT FREIERMUTH	EVAN ENGRAM	GEORGE KITTLE
8.	EVAN ENGRAM	KYLE PITTS	KYLE PITTS	PAT FREIERMUTH	DAVID NJOKU
9.	PAT FREIERMUTH	EVAN ENGRAM	COLE KMET	COLE KMET	PAT FREIERMUTH
10.	DALTON SCHULTZ	DALTON SCHULTZ	DALTON SCHULTZ	DAVID NJOKU	EVAN ENGRAM
11.	DAVID NJOKU	DAVID NJOKU	EVAN ENGRAM	TYLER CONKLIN	GREG DULCICH
12.	GREG DULCICH	COLE KMET	DAVID NJOKU	DALLAS GOEDERT	HAYDEN HURST
Rookie	DALTON KINCAID	DALTON KINCAID	DALTON KINCAID	DALTON KINCAID	DALTON KINCAID
Sleeper	GREG DULCICH	MICHAEL MAYER	TYLER HIGBEE	TYLER CONKLIN	HAYDEN HURST
Deep Sleeper	CHIGOZIEM OKONKWO	IRV SMITH JR.	HAYDEN HURST	SAM LAPORTA	JELANI WOODS
Bounce-Back	MIKE GESICKI	KYLE PITTS	DARREN WALLER	KYLE PITTS	KYLE PITTS
Bust	DALTON SCHULTZ	DAWSON KNOX	GREG DULCICH	DALLAS GOEDERT	DALTON SCHULTZ
Injury Risk	DARREN WALLER	DARREN WALLER	IRV SMITH JR.	DARREN WALLER	DARREN WALLER

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2023 RANKINGS

Rk	Player	Team	Bye
1	Travis Kelce	KC	10
2	Mark Andrews	BAL	13
3	T.J. Hockenson	MIN	13
4	Kyle Pitts	ATL	11
5	Dallas Goedert	PHI	10
6	Pat Freiermuth	PIT	6
7	Darren Waller	NYG	13
8	George Kittle	SF	9
9	David Njoku	CLE	5
10	Evan Engram	JAC	9
11	Greg Dulcich	DEN	9
12	Chigoziem Okonkwo	TEN	7
13	Tyler Higbee	LAR	10
14	Juwan Johnson	NO	11
15	Hunter Henry	NE	11
16	Hayden Hurst	CAR	7
17	Taysom Hill	NO	11
18	Tyler Conklin	NYJ	7
19	Dalton Schultz	HOU	7
20	Irv Smith Jr.	CIN	7
21	Noah Fant	SEA	5
22	Dalton Kincaid	BUF	13
23	Jelani Woods	IND	11
24	Cole Kmet	CHI	13
25	Gerald Everett	LAC	5
26	Michael Mayer	LV	13
27	Mike Gesicki	NE	11
28	Cade Otton	TB	5
29	Trey McBride	ARI	14
30	Logan Thomas	WAS	14
31	Dawson Knox	BUF	13
32	Sam LaPorta	DET	9
33	Luke Musgrave	GB	6
34	Jake Ferguson	DAL	7
35	Zach Ertz	ARI	14
36	Will Dissly	SEA	5
37	Durham Smythe	MIA	10
38	Donald Parham Jr.	LAC	5
39	Isaiah Likely	BAL	13
40	Austin Hooper	LV	13

T.J. HOCKENSON

AVERAGE DEPTH OF TARGET

Player	Team	Targets	ADOT
Darren Waller	LV	42	14.0
Kyle Pitts	ATL	56	13.7
Greg Dulcich	DEN	51	12.7
Mike Gesicki	MIA	56	10.8
Mark Andrews	BAL	119	10.2
Juwan Johnson	NO	61	9.8
Jordan Akins	HOU	49	8.5
Austin Hooper	TEN	56	8.5
Dawson Knox	BUF	77	8.4
Pat Freiermuth	PIT	96	8.4
Cole Kmet	CHI	69	8.2
Foster Moreau	LV	49	8.1
Chig Okonkwo	TEN	45	8.0
Zach Ertz	ARI	66	8.0
George Kittle	SF	90	8.0
Dalton Schultz	DAL	104	8.0
Hunter Henry	NE	57	7.9
Tyler Conklin	NYJ	83	7.9
David Njoku	CLE	79	7.8
T.J. Hockenson	DET/MIN	133	7.8
Travis Kelce	KC	182	7.5
Isaiah Likely	BAL	56	7.4
Logan Thomas	WAS	57	7.0
Noah Fant	SEA	65	6.9
Evan Engram	JAC	114	6.1
Harrison Bryant	CLE	42	6.0
Robert Tonyan	GB	63	6.0
Cade Otton	TB	69	6.0
Gerald Everett	LAC	89	6.0
Dallas Goedert	PHI	85	5.9

(MIN 30 TARGETS, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

For wide receivers and tight ends, ADOT removes volatile YAC (yards after catch) from the equation, instead focusing only on the average distance the player is downfield on each target. It's an indicator of big-play potential.

INJURY CONCERNS

KYLE PITTS, ATLANTA FALCONS

Bouncing back from his season-ending Week 10 knee injury will be secondary to Pitts getting reps with new starting QB Desmond Ridder. Pitts was typically the third TE off the boards last summer; he's dropped a spot or two since then.

DALLAS GOEDERT, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Goedert suffered a shoulder injury the exact same week that Zach Ertz was injured. Goedert missed five weeks, but he did make it back before the end of the season, scoring a touchdown in the playoffs and then catching six passes for 60 yards in Super Bowl LVII.

DARREN WALLER, NEW YORK GIANTS

The Giants would like to get the player Waller was in 2020, when he caught 107 passes for 1,196 yards and nine TDs for the Raiders. The past two seasons, however, have been marred by injuries. Waller missed eight games last season with a lingering hamstring injury.

GEORGE KITTLE, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Kittle hasn't played a full season since his career year of 2018, when he caught 88 passes for 1,377 yards and five scores. He missed the first two games last season with a groin injury.

HAYDEN HURST, CAROLINA PANTHERS

Hurst will be playing for his third team in the past three seasons. He missed four games each of the past two seasons, suffering an ankle injury with Atlanta in 2021 and a calf injury with Cincinnati last season.

IRV SMITH JR., CINCINNATI BENGALS

Smith had only 25 receptions through Week 8 last season when an ankle injury put him on injured reserve. He came back for the postseason and caught a 3-yard touchdown pass in the playoff loss to the Giants, but the Vikings chose not to re-sign him.

LOGAN THOMAS, WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

Thomas will turn 32 before this season, and perhaps his age is one reason why he was slow to come back from an ACL tear suffered late in 2021. Thomas had a breakout season in 2020, but he missed time in '21 with a hamstring injury and then the ACL tear.

ZACH ERTZ, ARIZONA CARDINALS

Last season was cut short when Ertz tore his ACL and MCL in Week 10. Ertz, who turns 33 in November, will be especially important for the Cardinals, since starting QB Kyler Murray likely won't be ready until closer to midseason.

ROBERT TONYAN, CHICAGO BEARS

The Bears are hoping Tonyan can replicate his breakout season of 2020, when he caught 11 touchdown passes for the Packers. Tonyan tore his ACL a season later and missed nine games.

ALBERT OKWUEGBUNAM, DENVER BRONCOS

Okwuegbunam could get a good look in new head coach Sean Payton's offense, but keep in mind that his injury history includes a torn ACL as a rookie in 2020 and a hamstring issue in '21.

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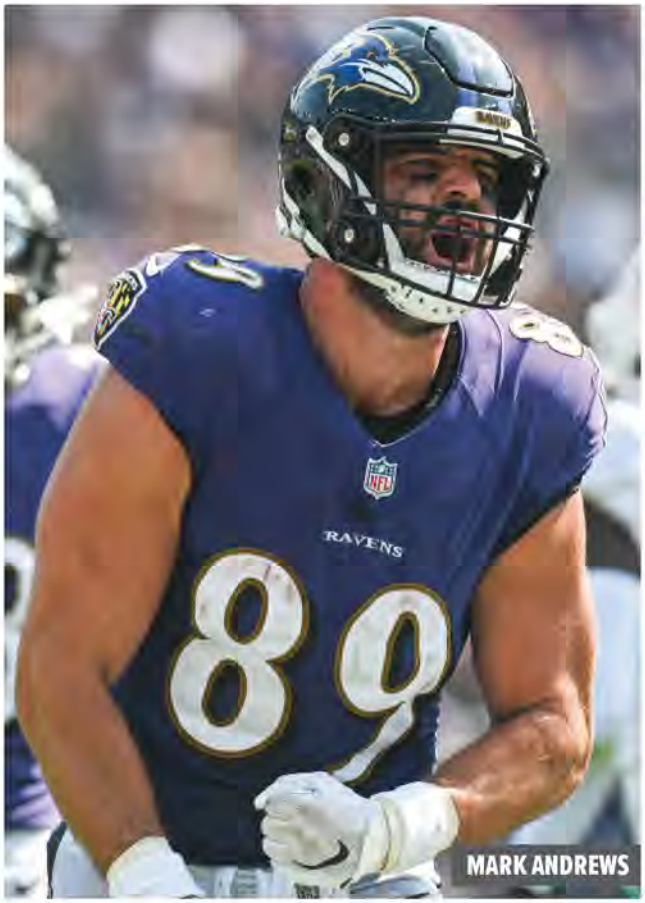

MARK ANDREWS

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01 TRAVIS KELCE

HT: 6-5 | WT: 250 | AGE: 33 | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 247.3
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
The only reason not to take Kelce in Round 1 is because you don't like the positional value. He has dominated TE for an unfair stretch.

Kelce is bound to decline at some point, but it hasn't happened yet. Good luck finding a category in which he did worse in 2022. Kelce matched his 2021 yards per catch; he increased his receptions per game, yards per game and yards per route; and he beat his career mark in catch rate and set a career high in TDs. Kelce should be no less of a focal point in 2023. Brother Jason is nearly two years older and about to start his 13th year as Philly's star center. Maybe Kelce genetics is the secret here.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	KC	15	105	1,416	11	145	72.4%	6	1	0	0	260.3
2021	KC	16	92	1,125	9	134	68.7%	4	1	3	1	216.8
2022	KC	17	110	1,338	12	152	72.4%	6	1	5	0	261.3
2023 Proj.		17	107	1292	11	154	69.5%	6	0	5	0	247.3

02 MARK ANDREWS

HT: 6-5 | WT: 247 | AGE: 28 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 207.9
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
The wide receiver additions might chip away a little target share, but Andrews should make up for that with overall passing volume.

Andrews' 2022 seemed more disappointing than it was. He led all TEs in target share for the second straight year (adjusted for games missed). He's the only TE who has drawn target shares of at least 25 percent in each of the past three years. In addition to the two games he missed, he sat out most of a third and played through injuries at other points. He also lost Lamar Jackson for five games. Through six healthy weeks for both to open the year, Andrews was the only TE close to Kelce across formats. More passing appears on the way for 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	BAL	14	58	701	7	88	65.9%	0	0	0	0	141.1
2021	BAL	17	107	1,361	9	153	69.9%	5	0	0	0	247.6
2022	BAL	15	73	847	5	113	64.6%	3	0	8	0	154.0
2023 Proj.		16	91	1113	9	138	66.0%	3	0	0	0	207.9

03 T.J. HOCKENSON

HT: 6-5 | WT: 248 | AGE: 26 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 173.0
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Don't draft Hockenson too close to Mark Andrews. He's not as safe a bet. But if he slides, draft him expecting more PPR help.

From his Week 9 Vikings debut through the last regular-season game the starters played in full, Hockenson averaged 6.6 catches. That wasn't far behind NFL reception leader Justin Jefferson over the same span. Hockenson's yardage wasn't nearly as impressive (8.5 per catch), but the role could stick. The Vikings leaned much more toward the pass in Kevin O'Connell's first season. They ranked 18th in neutral-situation pass rate in 2021 and ninth in 2022. If they stay in that range for 2023, there will again be plenty of targets for the TE.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	DET	16	67	723	6	101	66.3%	0	1	0	0	141.8
2021	DET	12	61	583	4	84	72.6%	0	0	0	0	114.8
2022	DET/MIN	17	86	914	6	129	66.7%	2	1	0	0	172.4
2023 Proj.		16	87	883	7	127	68.0%	1	0	0	0	173.0

04 KYLE PITTS

HT: 6-6 | WT: 246 | AGE: 22 | ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 150.7
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
The lack of TDs in 2021 and low passing volume in 2022 has opinion skewed on Pitts. He remains an upside PPR option

Pitts quietly finished second behind Mark Andrews in target share among TEs last season (adjusted for games missed). That came despite the addition of Drake London and followed Pitts' No. 6 ranking in 2021. Atlanta passed at the league's second-lowest rate, so the share didn't mean as many targets as it might elsewhere. That should grow some in 2023. The Falcons passed a little more in Desmond Ridder's four games (46.8 percent) than in Marcus Mariota's 13 outings (44 percent). Pitts would benefit from a bigger climb.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2021	ATL	17	68	1,026	1	110	61.8%	3	0	0	0	142.6
2022	ATL	10	28	356	2	59	47.5%	0	0	0	0	61.6
2023 Proj.		17	67	888	5	110	61.0%	1	0	0	0	150.7

05 DALLAS GOEDERT

HT: 6-5 | WT: 256 | AGE: 28 | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 145.7
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Goedert's TD opportunities might stay down with the star WRs and Jalen Hurts' running. But we're not downgrading him on a hypothetical.

Even with A.J. Brown on hand and Philly throwing on just 47.7 percent of plays, Goedert set a career high in receptions per game last season. That came thanks largely to a 79.7 percent catch rate. We can't expect Goedert to repeat that number. But he has finished four of five seasons north of 70 percent. Goedert also tallied his second-most yards per catch in 2022, despite a shortened average target depth. The one thing missing was end-zone targets. He saw just two, tying for 36th among all TEs.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	PHI	11	46	524	3	65	70.8%	1	0	0	0	93.4
2021	PHI	15	56	830	4	76	73.7%	2	0	0	0	137.0
2022	PHI	12	55	702	3	69	79.7%	1	1	0	0	113.7
2023 Proj.		16	67	825	5	94	71.0%	1	0	0	0	145.7

06 PAT FREIERMUTH

HT: 6-5 | WT: 258 | AGE: 24 | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 140.5
BYE WEEK: 6
ATHLON'S TAKE
Freiermuth has already claimed a large offensive role. He should be ready to increase fantasy production as the offense improves.

Freiermuth jumped from 24th among tight ends in 2021 target share to sixth at the position last season. He beat George Pickens in total targets despite playing one fewer game. Freiermuth came up short on end-zone targets, drawing just four. His yardage already improved with the move away from what was left of Ben Roethlisberger. Freiermuth worked an 8.3-yard average target depth, three yards deeper than his rookie season. That accounted for nearly his entire boost from 8.3 yards per catch to 11.6.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2021	PIT	16	60	497	7	79	75.9%	0	1	0	0	121.7
2022	PIT	16	63	732	2	98	64.3%	0	0	0	0	116.7
2023 Proj.		16	66	756	5	100	66.5%	0	0	0	0	140.5

07 DARREN WALLER

HT: 6-6 | WT: 245 | AGE: 31 | NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 139.1

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

Waller looks like a good bet for target volume. He also brings some injury risk after missing time with hamstring, knee and ankle issues.

Daniel Jones said of Waller in April that the Giants would "be able to move him around, use him in certain places and take advantage of his skill set," according to the team website. The TE should hit the season as the favorite to lead the team in targets and receptions. The Giants imported a bunch of wideouts, but they opted for quantity over quality. The most accomplished wideout they signed was Darius Slayton (170 career catches). He was already there last year, of course, and got overshadowed late by Isaiah Hodgins and Richie James.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	LV	16	107	1,196	9	146	73.3%	5	2	0	0	225.1
2021	LV	11	55	665	2	93	59.1%	2	0	0	0	106.0
2022	LV	9	28	388	3	43	65.1%	0	0	0	0	70.8
2023 Proj.		15	65	781	5	97	66.5%	1	0	0	0	139.1

08 GEORGE KITTLE

HT: 6-4 | WT: 250 | AGE: 29 | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 137.6

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Kittle's not likely to tank (barring injury), but there's more downside than upside if you draft him among the top five TEs.

Kittle's No. 2 half-PPR finish in 2022 sprang from him finally scoring TDs. Kittle found the end zone on just six percent of his receptions across his first five seasons. That number leaped to 18.3 percent in 2022. Kittle was due for a TD spike, but karma might have overcompensated. Kittle slipped to ninth in target share among TEs in 2022 after finishing each of the previous four seasons among the top two. It's tough to see that category rebounding, with Deebo Samuel, Christian McCaffrey and Brandon Aiyuk also commanding targets.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	SF	8	48	634	2	63	76.2%	2	0	17	0	101.1
2021	SF	14	71	910	6	94	75.5%	3	1	20	0	162.5
2022	SF	15	60	765	11	86	69.8%	1	1	0	0	170.5
2023 Proj.		15	58	748	6	85	69.0%	1	0	0	0	137.6

09 DAVID NJOKU

HT: 6-4 | WT: 246 | AGE: 27 | CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 136.2

BYE WEEK: 5

ATHLON'S TAKE

Njoku was especially busy in the red zone, tied for fourth-most catches. That could mean more points in an improved 2023 offense.

Njoku's No. 10 ranking among TEs in target share last season marked his highest finish since 2018 (fourth). Even with Cleveland going nearly 50-50 pass-run and Njoku missing three games, he still ranked 11th at the position in targets. His numbers fell off with Deshaun Watson: 4.6 catches and 51.6 yards per game before; 3.4 and 32.8 after. That's not likely to continue. Njoku does face a bit more potential target competition. The Browns traded for WR Elijah Moore and drafted WR Cedric Tillman early in Round 3.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	CLE	11	19	213	2	29	65.5%	0	0	0	0	42.8
2021	CLE	16	36	475	4	53	67.9%	1	0	1	0	89.6
2022	CLE	14	58	628	4	80	72.5%	0	1	-8	0	113.0
2023 Proj.		16	62	717	6	91	68.0%	0	0	0	0	136.2

10 EVAN ENGRAM

HT: 6-3 | WT: 240 | AGE: 29 | JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 132.7

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Engram is OK to select in low-TE1 range. But there's more risk and less upside now that he's not being drafted as a mid-to-low TE2.

Engram enjoyed a bounce-back fantasy season overall, motivating Jacksonville to franchise-tag him to keep him from leaving. But keep an eye on the details. Engram scored 24.3 percent of his regular-season fantasy points in one 11-catch, Week 14 game at Tennessee. It was one of just three TE games of 30-plus points league wide last year. Jacksonville adds competition with Calvin Ridley's return to action. But tagging Engram shows he'll remain a fixture.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	NYG	16	63	654	1	109	57.8%	1	1	26	1	109.5
2021	NYG	15	46	408	3	73	63.0%	0	1	-3	0	79.5
2022	JAC	17	73	766	4	98	74.5%	2	0	13	0	140.4
2023 Proj.		16	68	710	4	95	71.0%	1	0	15	0	132.7

11 GREG DULCICH

HT: 6-4 | WT: 245 | AGE: 23 | DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 123.9

BYE WEEK: 9

ATHLON'S TAKE

Dulcich's downfield ability differentiates him vs. most tight ends and makes him an upside pick high in TE2 territory.

Only three tight ends ran from the slot more than Dulcich last year, according to Pro Football Focus. Two of those guys were Ravens, and the other was Logan Thomas. Dulcich added the second-deepest average target depth, trailing only Kyle Pitts. Those two aspects exemplify his upside. Even as a rookie, Dulcich was a player the Broncos wanted to flex out and target downfield. We'll see whether new head coach Sean Payton feels the same. Dulcich got used similarly at UCLA, where he averaged 17.6 yards per catch across 77 receptions.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2022	DEN	10	33	411	2	55	60.0%	0	0	0	0	69.6
2023 Proj.		16	56	659	5	86	65.0%	0	0	0	0	123.9

12 CHIGOZIEM OKONKWO

HT: 6-3 | WT: 238 | AGE: 24 | TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 121.5

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Okonkwo's worth a shot at this level. Even if he doesn't work out, you'll be able to find a decent replacement in most leagues.

The Mike Vrabel Titans have tended to use multiple tight ends, limiting the target upside for their top guy. If that's going to continue this season, it'll require rookie Josh Whyle to step up or Trevon Wesco or Kevin Rader to suddenly become a thing after combining for just 12 catches in the NFL so far. If Okonkwo gets more target share than other recent Tennessee tight ends, then he has the speed (4.52-second 40 time) to exploit opportunities. The offense sports few intriguing pass catchers beyond Okonkwo and second-year WR Treylon Burks.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2022	TEN	17	32	450	3	46	69.6%	0	0	2	0	81.2
2023 Proj.		17	54	648	5	82	66.0%	0	0	3	0	121.5

CHIGOZIEM OKONKWO

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13 TYLER HIGBEE

HT: 6-6 | WT: 255 | AGE: 30 | LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 121.3
BYE WEEK: 10
ATHLON'S TAKE
Higbee is once again poised for more target share than he should probably get. You could do worse as a late TE1 or high TE2.

Higbee checked in fourth among tight ends in 2022 target share, a big jump from No. 15 the year before. He finished just 14th in half-PPR points per game despite the position's fourth-most total targets, thanks primarily to scoring only three TDs. Higbee ranked ninth in red-zone targets and tied for 10th in end-zone targets — according to Pro Football Focus — despite losing Matthew Stafford for nearly half the season. Stafford is healthier this year, and the Rams still lack worthwhile target competition behind Cooper Kupp.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	LAR	15	44	521	5	60	73.3%	0	0	1	0	106.2
2021	LAR	15	61	560	5	85	71.8%	0	0	0	0	116.5
2022	LAR	17	72	620	3	108	66.7%	0	0	0	0	116.0
2023 Proj.		16	64	587	5	92	70.0%	0	0	0	0	121.3

14 JUWAN JOHNSON

HT: 6-4 | WT: 231 | AGE: 27 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 120.3
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Johnson ran from the slot with the eighth-most frequency among TEs last year. Expect more of that and decent target counts.

Johnson signed a two-year, $12 million contract this offseason, with nearly all of that guaranteed. That followed a big boost in production. Johnson ranked third among Saints in targets and receptions, second in receiving yards and first in TD catches. New Orleans signed TE Foster Moreau in early May, and that could challenge Johnson's target count. But there's also room for the Saints to run more two-TE sets, keeping Moreau inline and running Johnson more like a receiver in the slot or out wide.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	NO	5	4	39	0	10	40.0%	0	0	0	0	5.9
2021	NO	14	13	159	4	21	61.9%	0	0	0	0	46.4
2022	NO	16	42	508	7	65	64.6%	0	0	0	0	113.8
2023 Proj.		16	51	612	6	80	64.0%	0	0	0	0	120.3

TAYSOM HILL

15 HUNTER HENRY

HT: 6-5 | WT: 250 | AGE: 28 | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 119.7
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
History tells us that Henry is being dramatically under-drafted in TE3 range. He's a strong best-ball pick but might be hard to start elsewhere.

Henry has played six mostly healthy seasons. (He missed 2018 following an offseason ACL tear.) Last year marked his worst finish in PPR points per game by far (30th). His previous low was 17th as a rookie. In between, Henry finished seventh, eight, 12th and 13th. The last of those came in his first Patriots season, right after they also signed Jonnu Smith for big money. Henry even ranked third in targets in last year's junk offense, behind a WR who's now gone and Rhamondre Stevenson. The Pats hired Bill O'Brien to install a real offense once again.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	LAC	14	60	613	4	93	64.5%	0	0	0	0	115.3
2021	NE	17	50	603	9	75	66.7%	0	0	0	0	139.3
2022	NE	17	41	509	2	59	69.5%	0	0	0	0	83.4
2023 Proj.		17	53	632	5	78	68.0%	0	0	0	0	119.7

16 HAYDEN HURST

HT: 6-4 | WT: 245 | AGE: 30 | CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 113.1
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Carolina's weakness at WR presents target upside to Hurst. You can wait well beyond this ranking and still get him.

Carolina guaranteed $13 million on a three-year contract for Hurst with $7 million annual averages. That's a big upgrade from the one-year, $3.5 million pact the Bengals gave him last year after the Falcons declined Hurst's fifth-year option. The contract also indicates they want him to be a significant part of the passing game. Hurst ranked just 21st in half-PPR points per game with the Bengals last year. The Panthers, however, don't have a Ja'Marr Chase or Tee Higgins. We can't even be sure yet that they have a Tyler Boyd.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	ATL	16	56	571	6	88	63.6%	0	0	0	0	121.1
2021	ATL	13	26	221	3	31	83.9%	0	1	0	0	51.1
2022	CIN	13	52	414	2	68	76.5%	0	0	0	0	79.4
2023 Proj.		16	61	550	5	86	71.0%	0	0	0	0	113.1

17 TAYSOM HILL

HT: 6-2 | WT: 221 | AGE: 33 | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 111.4
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Hill is difficult to project and difficult to predict in season. He's an intriguing weekly fallback for upside but will frustrate more often.

Hill only qualifies at tight end because no one actually knows how to treat him. He ran 123 total routes in 16 games last season (7.7 per game). He has caught 43 passes for his career. But Hill also got 18 red-zone carries and scored on one-third of them. He's not a good weekly lineup bet; he averaged just 6.6 touches per contest last year, most of that rushing. He attempted more than two passes in a game just twice. The Saints' QB upgrade this year might alter Hill's role, but don't bet on significant change.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	NO	16	8	98	1	13	61.5%	0	5	457	8	160.6
2021	NO	12	4	52	0	6	66.7%	0	0	374	5	127.7
2022	NO	16	9	77	2	13	69.2%	0	0	575	7	145.3
2023 Proj.		16	7	77	1	11	67.0%	0	0	528	7	111.4

18 TYLER CONKLIN

HT: 6-3 | WT: 254 | AGE: 28 | NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 102.4
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE
Conklin can be a week-to-week filler if he's in line for a role similar to last year. He's far from a must-draft option in most formats.

Conklin garnered more than three times as many targets as C.J. Uzomah after the Jets signed them to multiyear deals in the same offseason. Conklin started the year busy, catching 18 passes over three pass-happy Joe Flacco starts. But then Zach Wilson returned to crush the passing game, leaving Conklin to average just 2.9 receptions and 29.4 yards per game the rest of the way. The Jets get a huge upgrade to Aaron Rodgers, which can only be good news for Conklin. Neither Conklin nor Uzomah fared well as pass blockers in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	MIN	8	19	194	1	26	73.1%	0	0	0	0	34.9
2021	MIN	17	61	593	3	87	70.1%	0	0	0	0	107.8
2022	NYJ	17	58	552	3	87	66.7%	0	0	3	0	102.5
2023 Proj.		17	52	511	4	74	71.0%	0	0	0	0	102.4

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19 DALTON SCHULTZ

HT: 6-5 | WT: 244 | AGE: 27 | HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 101.4
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE

Schultz doesn't do anything special. He's a solid, middle-of-the-field target. He's fine in TE2 range of a PPR draft.

Schultz's past three seasons have found him 11th, fifth and 21st in half-PPR points per game. Two of those years found him ranking lower in total points than he did in targets, which points to inefficiency and a reliance on target volume. A year after the Cowboys franchised him, Schultz hit the open market and could find only a one-year, $6.25 million deal with Houston. That's decent one-year money, at least, and Houston presents little proven offensive talent. If camp goes poorly for the young wideouts, Schultz should move up your rankings.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	DAL	16	63	615	4	89	70.8%	0	1	0	0	115.0
2021	DAL	17	78	808	8	104	75.0%	0	0	0	0	169.8
2022	DAL	15	57	577	5	89	64.0%	0	1	0	0	114.2
2023 Proj.		17	51	514	4	76	67.0%	0	0	0	0	101.4

20 IRV SMITH JR.

HT: 6-2 | WT: 240 | AGE: 25 | CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 100.7
BYE WEEK: 7
ATHLON'S TAKE

Smith had mild intrigue as a prospect, but three years of lackluster production changes that. He's OK to leave on waivers.

The Bengals guaranteed Smith just $400,000 on his one-year deal this offseason. That's even less than what they paid Hayden Hurst the year before. That's probably because Smith hasn't done much. He's averaging just 2.5 catches per game and 9.4 yards per catch. Smith is small and didn't test great at the 2019 NFL Combine, except for an 83rd-percentile 40-yard dash. If he's going to be the next reclamation, Smith will need to hold off Drew Sample. We'll see whether any other Cincinnati TEs put up a fight.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	MIN	12	30	365	5	43	69.8%	0	0	0	0	83.5
2021		DNP - Injury										
2022	MIN	8	25	182	2	36	69.4%	0	0	0	0	42.7
2023 Proj.		15	49	497	4	70	70.0%	0	0	0	0	100.7

21 NOAH FANT

HT: 6-4 | WT: 249 | AGE: 25 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 100.0
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Injuries to either or both of his TE teammates might help. Really, though, Fant probably needs a new home to unlock his athletic upside.

Since Fant entered the league as a first-round pick in 2019, he ranks ninth among all TEs in receptions, 10th in yards and tied for 16th in TDs. Fant doesn't turn 26 until this November. That's good for his dynasty outlook. The short-term issue is Seattle's deployment of TEs. Fant played just 60 percent of snaps in 2022, nearly identical to Will Dissly's playing time (when healthy). Colby Parkinson mixed in often as well. Fant finished third on the team in targets, receptions and yards. He's set to hit free agency after 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	DEN	14	62	673	3	93	66.7%	0	0	0	0	118.3
2021	DEN	16	68	670	4	90	75.6%	0	0	0	0	125.0
2022	SEA	17	50	486	4	63	79.4%	0	0	0	0	97.6
2023 Proj.		17	49	496	4	69	70.0%	0	0	15	0	100.0

22 DALTON KINCAID

HT: 6-4 | WT: 240 | AGE: 23 | BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 97.2
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE

Kincaid is a fantasy-friendly TE landing in a strong offense with a need for playmakers. He could help right away, but you'll have to pay up.

The Bills moved up to secure Kincaid on Night 1 of the draft. In fact, GM Brandon Beane told ESPN afterward that he would have traded back if Kincaid were gone. Beane also highlighted that Kincaid is a receiving tight end who is "going to be flexed out a lot more" than a typical TE. That points to Buffalo running him from the slot — perhaps out wide some — and working Kincaid downfield more than the average TE. Kincaid broke out early in college. He closed it out with a 70-catch, 890-yard, eight-TD final year — his fourth season with at least eight scores.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2023 Proj.		15	43	498	4	62	70.0%	0	0	0	0	97.2

23 JELANI WOODS

HT: 6-7 | WT: 253 | AGE: 24 | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 97.0
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE

Woods is an intriguing late stash, regardless of who's starting at QB. He's a big, fast, athletic target in an offense needing playmakers.

Woods entered a crowded TE situation as a rookie. He tied TE Kylen Granson for fourth on the team in targets but averaged 3.0 more yards per catch. He matched Mo Alie-Cox's three TDs and beat the veteran in targets, receptions and yards. Woods' biggest flash came in an eight-catch, 98-yard Monday night loss to Pittsburgh. Woods combines monstrous size — 6-foot-7, 253 pounds — with elite speed for the position and high-end athleticism. PlayerProfiler credits Woods with an 82nd-percentile agility score based on 2022 Combine testing.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2022	IND	15	25	312	3	40	62.5%	0	0	0	0	61.7
2023 Proj.		16	42	508	4	68	62.0%	0	0	0	0	97.0

24 COLE KMET

HT: 6-6 | WT: 260 | AGE: 24 | CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 93.9
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE

Kmet will need a TD boost to carry his fantasy value. But his team upgraded at wide receiver and has a goal-line running back for a QB.

Kmet has averaged just 10.1 yards per catch through three seasons and scored on 6.5 percent of his receptions. That makes him a volume-needy fantasy prospect in a bad place for passing volume. The Bears ran on 56 percent of offensive plays last season. That should lean a little more toward the pass in 2023 after two trades of high draft picks for wideouts. But Chicago isn't close to morphing into a high-volume pass offense. According to Pro Football Focus, Kmet spent five more snaps run blocking last year than he did running a pass route.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	CHI	13	28	243	2	44	63.6%	0	1	-3	0	48.0
2021	CHI	17	60	612	0	93	64.5%	0	0	0	0	91.2
2022	CHI	17	50	544	7	69	72.5%	0	0	9	0	122.3
2023 Proj.		17	46	478	4	65	70.0%	0	0	0	0	93.9

25 GERALD EVERETT

HT: 6-3 | WT: 250 | AGE: 29 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 87.0
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE

Everett is only worth a look because he plays with Justin Herbert in what was last year's second-busiest pass offense.

Everett finished last year just behind Keenan Allen and Mike Williams in targets. But Williams played three fewer games, and Allen played six fewer. Everett set a career low in yards per catch, thanks in large part to how short he works (average depth of target under six yards each of the past two years). The Chargers retained TE Donald Parham Jr., but he has caught just 40 passes across three seasons. The bigger challenge for Everett might be a healthier WR corps, with rookie Quentin Johnston upgrading the Joshua Palmer spot.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	LAR	15	41	417	1	62	66.1%	0	1	2	1	72.4
2021	SEA	15	48	478	4	63	76.2%	0	2	20	0	93.8
2022	LAC	16	58	555	4	87	66.7%	0	0	0	0	110.5
2023 Proj.		16	43	441	4	65	67.0%	0	0	3	0	87.0

26 MICHAEL MAYER

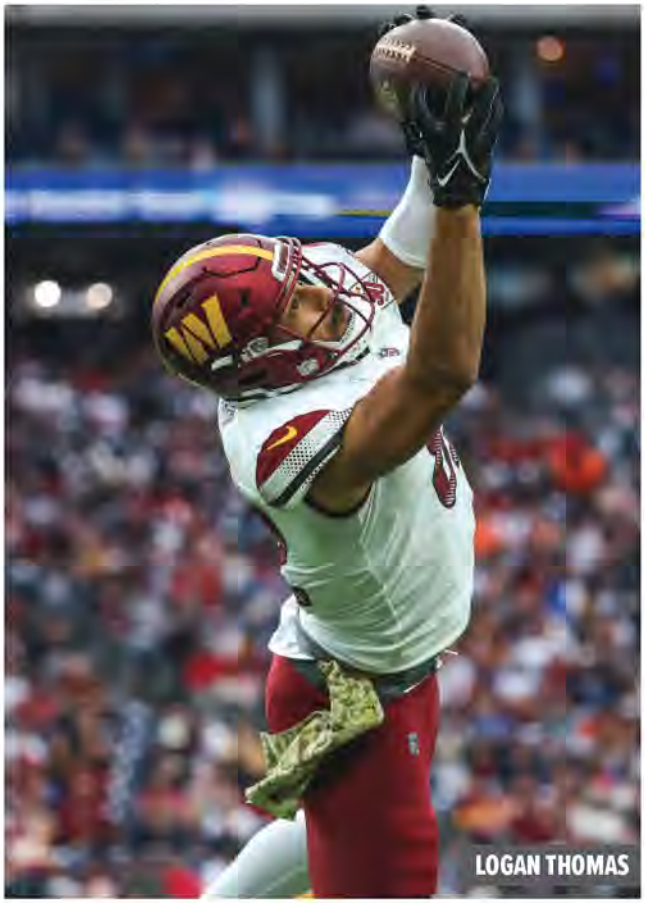
HT: 6-4 | WT: 265 | AGE: 22 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 81.7
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE

Perhaps Mayer will develop more quickly because of his college experience. But remember how slowly it tends to go for rookie TEs.

Mayer led this year's rookie TE class in 2022 target share (31.3 percent) and Dominator rating, a measure of the player's share of his offense's yards and TDs. Mayer led the team or tied for the lead in receptions all three years. He topped 800 yards both of the past two years. He joins a Vegas team that traded Darren Waller to the Giants this offseason. Mayer doesn't run like Waller: 4.70-second 40 time for Mayer vs. 4.46 for Waller. But he can be a three-down player and a reliable target over the middle for Jimmy Garoppolo.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2023 Proj.		16	37	434	3	52	70.0%	0	0	0	0	81.7



27 MIKE GESICKI

HT: 6-6 | WT: 250 | AGE: 27 | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 80.9
BYE WEEK: 11
ATHLON'S TAKE
Gesicki was an inefficient receiver in Miami who fed on volume. We'll see whether he can get that here. We're not excited.

A year after giving him the franchise tag, Miami let Gesicki walk for a one-year, $4.5 million deal with the Patriots. All signs have pointed to Bill Belichick considering Gesicki more of a big receiver. That should mean distinct roles for him and Hunter Henry. Gesicki runs almost exclusively from the slot, plus some other WR spots. Henry slid between inline and the slot last year. There can be room for both in the offense. And the scheme should improve dramatically after New England fixed its decision to go without an experienced coordinator in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	MIA	15	53	703	6	85	62.4%	1	0	0	0	132.8
2021	MIA	17	73	780	2	112	65.2%	1	0	0	0	128.5
2022	MIA	17	32	362	5	52	61.5%	0	0	0	0	82.2
2023 Proj.		17	38	438	3	60	63.5%	0	0	0	0	80.9

28 CADE OTTON

HT: 6-5 | WT: 247 | AGE: 24 | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 80.1
BYE WEEK: 5
ATHLON'S TAKE
Otton was passable as a rookie. But he's not exciting, and his situation is likely to get much worse for fantasy upside than last year.

Otton ranked fifth on the team in targets and receiving yards as a fourth-round rookie, taking over for Cameron Brate along the way. He's likely to face at least mild competition this year from fifth-round pick Payne Durham. The new rookie caught 45 and 56 passes over the past two years and tallied 21 TDs across his four years at Purdue. Durham tested a little slow at nearly 6-foot-6 and 253 pounds. But he tested above average in the 10-yard split, vertical and broad jump. Both guys will find a downgraded pass game.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2022	TB	16	42	391	2	65	64.6%	0	0	0	0	72.1
2023 Proj.		16	41	411	3	62	66.0%	0	0	0	0	80.1

29 TREY McBRIDE

HT: 6-3 | WT: 249 | AGE: 23 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 78.3
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
McBride tested fairly average for the position, which indicates limited long-term upside. He's not worth drafting in most 2023 leagues.

McBride spent most of the first half of his rookie year buried behind Zach Ertz. But then Ertz was nice enough to tear an ACL and give the second-rounder some experience. McBride averaged 3.6 catches and 33.4 yards across seven games that coincided with Kyler Murray's ACL tear. Look back to college, and you see a 90-catch, 1,121-yard season for McBride as a senior. McBride's 2023 role and upside will hinge on whether/when Ertz can make it back. Either TE will face considerable target challenges from the WRs.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2022	ARI	16	29	265	1	39	74.4%	0	0	0	0	47.0
2023 Proj.		16	41	401	3	57	71.0%	0	0	0	0	78.3

30 LOGAN THOMAS

HT: 6-6 | WT: 250 | AGE: 32 | WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 73.6
BYE WEEK: 14
ATHLON'S TAKE
Thomas' fantasy value has largely been driven by volume to date. That volume will be tough to collect with better WRs than back in 2020.

Thomas was coming off an early-December ACL tear when last season began. Yet he was ready for Week 1 before losing three games to a calf strain. Thomas' yards per catch sagged to 8.3, but that was likely affected by QB play, in addition to the injury. That season followed an injury-riddled 2021. Before the ligament tear, Thomas landed on IR through the middle of the season with a hamstring injury. The last time he was fully healthy, Thomas finished sixth among half-PPR TEs while getting the position's third-most targets.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	WAS	16	72	670	6	109	66.1%	1	0	5	0	140.6
2021	WAS	6	18	196	3	25	72.0%	0	1	0	0	44.6
2022	WAS	14	39	323	1	61	63.9%	0	0	0	0	57.8
2023 Proj.		15	39	368	3	60	65.0%	0	0	0	0	73.6

31 DAWSON KNOX

HT: 6-4 | WT: 254 | AGE: 26 | BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 72.2
BYE WEEK: 13
ATHLON'S TAKE
Knox had already told us with his play and target counts that we shouldn't count on big things. He's a TE3 for best ball and dynasty.

GM Brandon Beane spoke after drafting Dalton Kincaid about putting him on the field at the same time as Knox. He said that although it would technically be "12" personnel (two TEs), it would work more like "11," (one TE, 3 WRs). That'd be good news for Knox, and there's reason to believe it. Knox signed a four-year $52 million extension just last September. So Buffalo will be paying him plenty of money this year and next. That said, the team pursued Kincaid because it wanted offensive playmakers. If Knox were more of that, Kincaid might not be around.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	BUF	11	24	288	3	44	54.5%	0	2	0	0	54.8
2021	BUF	15	49	587	9	71	69.0%	1	0	4	0	139.6
2022	BUF	15	48	517	6	65	73.8%	0	0	0	0	111.7
2023 Proj.		16	30	342	4	43	70.0%	0	0	0	0	72.2

32 SAM LaPORTA

HT: 6-3 | WT: 245 | AGE: 22 | DETROIT LIONS

EFP: 63.8
BYE WEEK: 9
ATHLON'S TAKE
Draft capital counters his size question. The only knock is rookie TE history. LaPorta looks good for dynasty and late in redraft.

LaPorta led each of the past three Iowa teams in receptions, dominating the receiving categories over his final two years. Last season found him accounting for 30.2 percent of Hawkeyes receptions and 32.2 percent of receiving yards. LaPorta checked short and light vs. historical TE measurements at the Combine. But he also tested elite in the drills. LaPorta posted a 90th-percentile 40-yard dash, a 73rd-percentile vertical, 88th-percentile three-cone drill and 90th-percentile broad jump. The Lions selected him 34th overall.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2023 Proj.		17	28	329	3	40	70.0%	0	0	0	0	63.8

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33 LUKE MUSGRAVE

HT: 6-6 | WT: 253 | AGE: 23 | GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 63.8

BYE WEEK: 6

ATHLON'S TAKE

Musgrave's injury-limited college career gives one more reason to be patient with a rookie TE. If he's ready to start, he's impressive, though.

Musgrave stands nearly 6-foot-6 and 253 pounds, and he still delivered 82nd-percentile or better marks at the Combine in vertical jump, 40-yard dash, 10-yard split and broad jump. Musgrave dealt with injuries throughout college, limiting his numbers. But his strong testing translated to impressive game film. He landed with the Packers as a second-rounder, followed a round later by TE Tucker Kraft. With Josiah Deguara more of an H-back, there's room for either rookie or both to factor quickly into the offense.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2023 Proj.		16	28	368	2	44	65.0%	0	0	0	0	63.8

34 JAKE FERGUSON

HT: 6-5 | WT: 244 | AGE: 24 | DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 60.3

BYE WEEK: 7

ATHLON'S TAKE

Consider this spot the placeholder for Dallas' young TE starter. Ferguson is more proven as a receiver; Luke Schoonmaker leads in upside.

The Cowboys let TE Dalton Schultz walk in free agency and drafted TE Luke Schoonmaker in Round 2. Schoonmaker caught just 19 passes over his first three seasons at Michigan but finished with a solid 35-418-3 receiving line as a senior. Schoonmaker also tested well at the Combine, including an 83rd-percentile 40-yard dash at 6-foot-5, 251 pounds. If he takes the starting spot in camp, insert him here. But Ferguson is roughly the same size as Schoonmaker. He's not as fast but caught 145 balls across four seasons at Wisconsin and then 19 more as a 2022 Cowboy.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2022	DAL	16	19	174	2	22	86.4%	0	0	0	0	38.9
2023 Proj.		16	30	292	3	41	72.0%	0	0	0	0	60.3

35 ZACH ERTZ

HT: 6-5 | WT: 250 | AGE: 32 | ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 58.4

BYE WEEK: 14

ATHLON'S TAKE

Ertz doesn't have enough left to be worth stashing if he's not ready. He'll be interesting for TE premium, though, if ready for the season.

Ertz tore the ACL and MCL in his left knee on Nov. 13. He said shortly after the surgery that he hoped to be ready for the regular-season opener. Ertz's progress will require tracking throughout the summer. Before his injury, he was controlling the position for Arizona. Ertz played 80 percent of the snaps or more in eight of the first nine games, rendering rookie Trey McBride nearly silent. Ertz did average a career-low 8.6 yards per catch and finished his season trailing DeAndre Hopkins, Marquise Brown and Rondale Moore in receptions per game.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	PHI	11	36	335	1	72	50.0%	0	0	0	0	59.5
2021	PHI/ARI	17	74	763	5	112	66.1%	0	0	4	0	143.7
2022	ARI	10	47	406	4	69	68.1%	0	0	0	0	92.1
2023 Proj.		11	31	293	2	46	67.0%	0	0	0	0	58.4

36 WILL DISSLY

HT: 6-4 | WT: 265 | AGE: 27 | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 57.8

BYE WEEK: 5

ATHLON'S TAKE

Dissly has averaged just 2.0 receptions per game through five seasons. He's barely relevant as a fill-in for non-PPR leagues.

Noah Fant's first season with the Seahawks found him virtually tied with Dissly in playing time. Generally more of a blocking TE, Dissly ranked fifth on the team in targets and topped 80 percent in catch rate for the fourth straight year. He also kept his career TD rate above 10 percent. Dissly's career-high 38 targets still amounted to just 2.5 per game. Seattle played the most two-TE sets in the league last year after playing the second-most in 2021. That rate might decrease a little after the Seahawks drafted WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba in Round 1.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	SEA	15	24	251	2	29	82.8%	0	0	0	0	49.1
2021	SEA	15	21	231	1	26	80.8%	0	0	0	0	39.6
2022	SEA	15	34	349	3	38	89.5%	0	0	0	0	69.9
2023 Proj.		15	28	293	2	38	75.0%	0	0	0	0	57.8

37 DURHAM SMYTHE

HT: 6-6 | WT: 246 | AGE: 28 | MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 48.1

BYE WEEK: 10

ATHLON'S TAKE

Mike McDaniel's Dolphins don't look like a place to go even for a bye-week filler at TE. Perhaps that's why the franchise hasn't invested at the position.

Mike Gesicki is gone after leading Miami tight ends in targets last year. Smythe led the group in playing time, though — albeit at 52.7 percent. That rate was down slightly vs. 2021, as were his red-zone targets vs. the past two years. Smythe has done nothing impressive through five seasons, but he tops an unimpressive depth chart for 2023. Even his college career included just 28 receptions across four seasons. He then tested below average in speed, agility and jumps at the 2018 Scouting Combine.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	MIA	13	26	208	2	29	89.7%	0	0	0	0	45.8
2021	MIA	17	34	357	0	41	82.9%	0	0	3	0	53.0
2022	MIA	16	15	129	1	20	75.0%	0	0	1	1	32.5
2023 Proj.		17	26	237	2	36	72.0%	0	0	0	0	48.1

38 DONALD PARHAM JR.

HT: 6-8 | WT: 237 | AGE: 26 | LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 47.9

BYE WEEK: 5

ATHLON'S TAKE

Parham doesn't have fantasy relevance outside of deeper dynasty leagues. Even there he has yet to prove usable.

Parham re-signed with the Chargers on a two-year deal in March. He has fared well in TD rate through three seasons with the team, scoring on 17.5 percent of his receptions and with five of the seven TDs coming from inside the red zone. His playing time hasn't eclipsed 41 percent in any of the seasons, however. Parham remains behind Gerald Everett for one more year, though that's not an insurmountable hurdle if Parham shows progress in his age-26 season. He's had minimal NFL impact, but his college career included 180 receptions and 2,591 yards.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	LAC	10	10	159	3	20	50.0%	0	0	0	0	38.9
2021	LAC	14	20	190	3	27	74.1%	0	0	0	0	49.0
2022	LAC	6	10	130	1	12	83.3%	0	0	0	0	24.0
2023 Proj.		16	19	218	3	27	69.0%	0	0	0	0	47.9

39 ISAIAH LIKELY

HT: 6-4 | WT: 241 | AGE: 23 | BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 47.0

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

Likely is an impressive athlete and possesses receiving upside, but opportunity will be difficult to find in 2023. Don't draft him.

Likely flashed as a rookie, but those flashes just happened to coincide with Mark Andrews missing time. Specifically, Andrews missed Week 18 and played just 10 snaps in Week 8 — Likely's two biggest outings. The rookie averaged just 1.6 catches and 13.8 yards over his other 14 games, despite Rashod Bateman missing most of the year and the Ravens deploying a poor WR corps. That has changed for 2023, with Bateman back, Odell Beckham Jr. signed and Zay Flowers drafted. TE Charlie Kolar — drafted ahead of Likely — is healthy as well.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2022	BAL	16	36	373	3	60	60.0%	1	0	0	0	73.3
2023 Proj.		16	23	248	2	35	65.0%	0	0	0	0	47.0

40 AUSTIN HOOPER

HT: 6-4 | WT: 254 | AGE: 28 | LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 46.8

BYE WEEK: 13

ATHLON'S TAKE

It likely won't take Hooper as long to fall behind Michael Mayer on the depth chart as it did with Chigoziem Okonkwo in Tennessee last season.

Hooper landed in a good spot for opportunity ... at the time of his signing. The Raiders drafted perhaps the most pro-ready TE in the class, though, in Michael Mayer, who spent three years starting at Notre Dame and led the team or tied for the lead in receptions each season. Mayer isn't quite as athletic as other top TEs in this class but looks and plays the part of the inline blocker-receiver combo. Hooper, meanwhile, has averaged just 2.4 receptions per game each of the past two seasons. He still doesn't turn 29 until late October.

Year	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	Rec TDs	Targets	Tgt Success	100 YG	Fum-lost	Rush Yds	Rush TDs	Fan. Pts.
2020	CLE	13	46	435	4	70	65.7%	0	0	0	0	90.5
2021	CLE	16	38	345	3	61	62.3%	0	0	0	0	73.5
2022	TEN	17	41	444	2	60	68.3%	0	0	0	0	76.9
2023 Proj.		16	24	242	2	34	69.0%	0	0	0	0	46.8

DEATRICH WISE JR.

DEFENSE/ST

STAFF TOP 12s

	MICHAEL FABIANO	JENNIFER PIACENTI	KYLE WOOD	CRAIG ELLENPORT	MATT SCHAUF
1.	EAGLES	49ERS	EAGLES	49ERS	PATRIOTS
2.	COWBOYS	EAGLES	49ERS	EAGLES	BILLS
3.	PATRIOTS	COWBOYS	BILLS	COWBOYS	RAVENS
4.	49ERS	BILLS	COWBOYS	PATRIOTS	COWBOYS
5.	BILLS	JETS	PATRIOTS	JETS	EAGLES
6.	CHIEFS	PATRIOTS	RAVENS	BILLS	DOLPHINS
7.	RAVENS	BRONCOS	BRONCOS	CHIEFS	CHIEFS
8.	DOLPHINS	RAVENS	JETS	CHARGERS	49ERS
9.	COLTS	BENGALS	STEELERS	DOLPHINS	STEELERS
10.	BROWNS	SAINTS	DOLPHINS	STEELERS	COLTS
11.	SAINTS	STEELERS	BENGALS	BENGALS	CHARGERS
12.	STEELERS	DOLPHINS	SAINTS	PANTHERS	SAINTS
Sleeper	JAGUARS	JAGUARS	STEELERS	PANTHERS	DOLPHINS
Deep Sleeper	SEAHAWKS	TEXANS	PANTHERS	TEXANS	CHARGERS
Bounce-Back	BRONCOS	RAMS	DOLPHINS	CHARGERS	COLTS
Bust	PACKERS	DOLPHINS	BUCCANEERS	SAINTS	JETS

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS

After they had finished in the top half of D/STs for seven straight seasons, a bit of bad luck contributed to the Steelers' drop into a tie for 18th in 2022. But with some regression to the mean and a strong offseason, the Steelers should be back to a reliable starting option. For one, only the Jets had worse luck recovering opposing fumbles, as the Steelers came up with a measly 21.4 percent of loose balls. Plus, Pittsburgh will be going from the league's second-hardest schedule to the 11th easiest, based on preseason projected win totals. Adding Patrick Peterson and second-rounders Joey Porter Jr. and Keanu Benton should boost this unit as well.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

The Colts may have disappointed last season, but it's easy to forget that they had the No. 4 D/ST by ADP going into the year. It's also easy to see a big bounce-back campaign in 2023. Much of their top talent remains, and they added some intriguing pieces in the draft, including cornerback JuJu Brents and lineman Adetomiwa Adebawore. Indy should also give up fewer points if only because opponents are unlikely to hit 92.9 percent of their field goals again (sixth highest), and the Colts' strength of schedule drops to fourth easiest this season; the fantasy playoff schedule consists of Pittsburgh, Atlanta and Las Vegas.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

The Jaguars' defensive front didn't produce many sacks last season, but that's likely to change. Considering they ranked fourth in pressure rate (25.1 percent) and fifth in hurry rate (8.4 percent), it's easy to see them taking a big step forward in that department as Travon Walker enters his second season and Josh Allen enters a walk year. Plus, it's almost impossible for other teams to be so successful on field goals again; opponents connected on 93.9 percent of kicks, second highest in the NFL.

CLEVELAND BROWNS

The Browns should improve on their No. 18 ranking from last season. With some basic turnover luck, Cleveland could easily add to its points total. Last season, the Browns recovered only 34.6 percent of opponents fumbles, fifth lowest in the league. That's likely to return closer to league average, especially with big free-agent additions in tackle Dalvin Tomlinson, safety Juan Thornhill and end Ogbonnia Okoronkwo, who earned a combined $97 million in guarantees. The fantasy playoff schedule — Chicago, Houston and the Jets — is particularly soft and makes the worth a stash.

▼ GOING DOWN

BUFFALO BILLS

The Bills ranked second in scoring defense in part because opponents hit only 78.8 percent of their field goals, the fifth-lowest rate in the NFL. Expect that to return closer to the league average of 85 percent. Adding Poona Ford in free agency was nice, but it won't totally make up for the loss of budding star Tremaine Edmunds. Plus, they'll face the second-hardest schedule in the league, and their fantasy playoff schedule pits them against the Cowboys, Chargers and Patriots.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

After sitting 15th in ADP, the Chiefs D/ST came in eighth in 2022. But there's plenty of reason to believe they may finish in the middle of the pack this year. Their 57.8 recovery rate on opponents' fumbles was third highest in the NFL and unsustainable. Also, another first-place schedule gives them the third-hardest SOS. With the number of high-scoring games the Chiefs are likely to play, you have to bank on another high-sack or high-turnover year.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Despite finishing with only seven picks (30th in the NFL), the Saints stayed fantasy relevant with 48 sacks (T-5). But that production is not sustainable, based on their 17.5 percent pressure rate and 4.8 percent hurry rate (both 29th). After some key departures, this unit is likely to take a step back unless the rookie class immediately steps up.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

The Commanders' talented front seven has not lived up to expectations. There's certainly potential to improve, but some luck helped prop up this unit last year; they recovered 52.9 percent of their opponents' fumbles, seventh best in the league. Their strength of schedule also jumps from fifth easiest to sixth hardest.

Rk	Team	Bye
1	New England	11
2	Buffalo	13
3	Baltimore	13
4	Dallas	7
5	Philadelphia	10
6	Miami	10
7	Kansas City	10
8	San Francisco	9
9	Pittsburgh	6
10	Indianapolis	11
11	Jacksonville	9
12	New Orleans	11
13	Washington	14
14	Los Angeles Chargers	5
15	New York Giants	13
16	Cleveland	5

Rk	Team	Bye
17	Tampa Bay	5
18	Green Bay	6
19	Detroit	9
20	Seattle	5
21	Tennessee	7
22	Carolina	7
23	New York Jets	7
24	Minnesota	13
25	Denver	9
26	Cincinnati	7
27	Houston	7
28	Los Angeles Rams	10
29	Arizona	14
30	Chicago	13
31	Atlanta	11
32	Las Vegas	13

CHASE YOUNG

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01 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 165

'22 PPG: 11th
'22 YPG: 8th
'22 VS RUN: 6th
'22 VS PASS: 16th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	18	4	24	353.8	22.1	1	5	3	1	160
2021	23	7	36	310.8	17.8	6	3	3	0	208
2022	19	11	54	322.0	20.4	3	5	7	0	230
2023 Proj.	20	8	49	328.9	20.1	4	1	4	5	165

02 BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 145

'22 PPG: 2nd
'22 YPG: 6th
'22 VS RUN: 5th
'22 VS PASS: 15th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	15	11	38	352.5	23.4	2	7	3	1	164
2021	19	11	42	272.8	17.0	5	3	1	0	202
2022	17	10	40	319.1	17.9	5	2	1	0	188
2023 Proj.	17	10	42	314.8	18.6	2	1	4	3	145

03 BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 143

'22 PPG: 3rd
'22 YPG: 9th
'22 VS RUN: 3rd
'22 VS PASS: 26th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	10	12	39	329.8	18.9	4	4	3	1	193
2021	9	6	34	363.4	23.1	3	6	1	0	142
2022	14	11	48	324.3	18.5	4	3	0	0	182
2023 Proj.	13	11	43	327.2	20.2	2	1	4	4	143

04 DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 138

'22 PPG: 5th
'22 YPG: 12th
'22 VS RUN: 22nd
'22 VS PASS: 8th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	10	13	31	386.4	29.6	1	9	2	1	127
2021	26	8	41	351.0	21.1	2	6	8	1	235
2022	16	17	54	330.2	20.1	4	5	3	0	222
2023 Proj.	15	13	42	345.9	20.7	3	1	2	6	138

05 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 136

'22 PPG: 8th
'22 YPG: 2nd
'22 VS RUN: 16th
'22 VS PASS: 1st

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	8	11	49	363.1	26.1	1	8	2	1	145
2021	12	4	29	328.8	22.6	3	7	5	0	167
2022	17	10	70	301.5	20.2	3	4	2	0	222
2023 Proj.	13	8	52	321.1	22.2	2	0	3	5	136

06 MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 135

'22 PPG: 24th
'22 YPG: 18th
'22 VS RUN: 4th
'22 VS PASS: 27th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	18	11	41	367.9	21.1	3	5	2	1	187
2021	14	12	48	337.5	21.9	5	7	6	0	204
2022	8	6	40	337.8	23.5	3	8	3	0	150
2023 Proj.	13	10	43	331.7	22.2	3	0	3	6	135

07 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 134

'22 PPG: 16th
'22 YPG: 11th
'22 VS RUN: 8th
'22 VS PASS: 18th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	16	6	32	358.3	22.6	2	6	2	2	166
2021	15	14	31	368.9	21.4	5	8	4	0	177
2022	11	9	55	328.2	21.7	2	5	2	0	167
2023 Proj.	14	10	48	338.4	21.6	3	0	2	6	134

08 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 134

'22 PPG: 1st
'22 YPG: 1st
'22 VS RUN: 2nd
'22 VS PASS: 20th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	12	8	30	314.4	24.4	2	7	1	0	142
2021	9	11	48	310.0	21.5	3	7	2	0	160
2022	20	10	44	300.6	16.3	6	2	3	0	230
2023 Proj.	14	10	47	308.3	20.7	2	0	3	4	134

09 PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 131

'22 PPG: 10th
'22 YPG: 13th
'22 VS RUN: 9th
'22 VS PASS: 19th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	18	9	56	305.8	19.5	3	2	3	0	194
2021	13	9	55	361.1	23.4	1	6	1	0	173
2022	20	3	40	330.4	20.4	2	3	1	0	174
2023 Proj.	17	8	50	327.4	20.6	2	0	2	4	131

10 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 127

'22 PPG: 29th
'22 YPG: 15th
'22 VS RUN: 21st
'22 VS PASS: 11th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	15	10	40	332.1	22.6	1	6	5	1	196
2021	19	14	33	343.2	21.5	2	7	3	0	185
2022	10	11	44	334.0	25.1	1	5	3	0	172
2023 Proj.	15	11	45	330.4	23.1	2	0	2	7	127

11 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 125

'22 PPG: 12th
'22 YPG: 24th
'22 VS RUN: 12th
'22 VS PASS: 28th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	12	5	18	417.7	30.8	0	13	2	1	86
2021	7	2	32	353.1	26.9	0	8	0	1	98
2022	14	13	35	353.3	20.6	4	7	4	0	183
2023 Proj.	13	11	39	340.7	21.5	2	1	2	6	125

12 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 124

'22 PPG: 9th
'22 YPG: 5th
'22 VS RUN: 24th
'22 VS PASS: 2nd

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	18	8	45	310.9	21.1	4	6	1	0	165
2021	18	7	46	318.2	19.7	5	6	2	0	188
2022	7	7	48	314.8	20.3	4	6	1	0	166
2023 Proj.	14	7	46	320.6	21.2	1	0	3	6	124

13 WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 123

'22 PPG: 7th
'22 YPG: 3rd
'22 VS RUN: 11th
'22 VS PASS: 4th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	16	7	47	304.6	20.6	2	5	3	0	181
2021	11	8	38	359.3	25.5	1	7	2	1	148
2022	9	9	43	304.6	20.2	3	2	3	0	175
2023 Proj.	12	8	47	322.8	20.8	2	0	2	5	123

14 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 122

'22 PPG: 21st
'22 YPG: 20th
'22 VS RUN: 28th
'22 VS PASS: 7th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	12	7	27	343.4	26.6	0	10	2	0	111
2021	11	10	35	360.1	27.0	0	7	1	1	129
2022	14	10	40	346.1	22.6	2	6	1	0	154
2023 Proj.	13	11	42	342.9	23.0	2	0	2	8	122

15 NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 121

'22 PPG: 18th
'22 YPG: 25th
'22 VS RUN: 27th
'22 VS PASS: 14th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	11	11	40	349.3	22.3	1	4	2	0	162
2021	15	7	34	354.8	24.5	2	8	1	0	142
2022	6	13	41	358.2	21.8	1	5	2	0	165
2023 Proj.	11	10	44	346.1	21.6	2	0	2	5	121

16 CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 120

'22 PPG: 20th
'22 YPG: 14th
'22 VS RUN: 25th
'22 VS PASS: 5th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game TD	Def. Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	11	10	38	358.4	26.2	2	7	2	0	140
2021	13	6	43	311.5	21.8	4	5	2	0	165
2022	11	9	34	331.2	22.4	2	6	3	0	152
2023 Proj.	12	8	38	321.7	21.8	2	1	2	6	120

17 TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 118

'22 PPG: 13th
'22 YPG: 10th
'22 VS RUN: 15th
'22 VS PASS: 9th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	15	10	48	327.1	22.2	3	6	1	0	168
2021	17	12	47	331.5	20.8	4	6	2	0	187
2022	10	10	44	324.3	21.1	2	5	1	0	160
2023 Proj.	12	11	45	337.6	21.4	1	0	2	6	118

18 GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 116

'22 PPG: 17th
'22 YPG: 17th
'22 VS RUN: 26th
'22 VS PASS: 6th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	11	7	41	334.0	23.1	0	5	2	0	145
2021	18	8	39	328.2	21.8	3	7	2	0	163
2022	17	7	34	336.5	21.8	1	6	2	0	168
2023 Proj.	15	7	39	332.9	22.2	2	1	1	6	116

19 DETROIT LIONS

EFP: 115

'22 PPG: 29th
'22 YPG: 32nd
'22 VS RUN: 29th
'22 VS PASS: 30th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	7	5	24	419.8	32.4	0	12	0	1	76
2021	11	8	30	379.8	27.5	0	9	0	0	118
2022	12	10	39	392.4	25.1	2	8	1	0	141
2023 Proj.	11	8	40	364.3	24.4	1	1	2	8	115

20 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 113

'22 PPG: 25th
'22 YPG: 26th
'22 VS RUN: 30th
'22 VS PASS: 13th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	14	8	46	380.6	23.2	2	5	0	0	148
2021	11	7	34	379.1	21.5	1	4	0	1	140
2022	14	11	45	361.7	23.6	2	6	2	0	167
2023 Proj.	13	9	41	373.8	22.8	1	0	2	6	113

21 TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 113

'22 PPG: 15th
'22 YPG: 23rd
'22 VS RUN: 1st
'22 VS PASS: 32nd

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	15	8	19	398.3	27.4	1	10	1	1	111
2021	16	6	43	329.8	20.8	3	6	3	0	175
2022	14	6	39	351.6	21.1	3	4	1	0	163
2023 Proj.	15	7	35	359.9	23.1	2	0	2	5	113

22 CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 112

'22 PPG: 19th
'22 YPG: 22nd
'22 VS RUN: 18th
'22 VS PASS: 22nd

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	7	15	28	360.1	25.1	1	8	3	0	132
2021	9	7	39	305.9	23.8	3	7	1	0	137
2022	10	7	35	350.2	22.0	3	6	3	0	151
2023 Proj.	9	9	38	338.7	21.7	2	0	2	6	112

23 NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 111

'22 PPG: 4th
'22 YPG: 4th
'22 VS RUN: 17th
'22 VS PASS: 3rd

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	10	9	31	387.6	28.6	0	10	1	0	107
2021	7	7	33	397.6	29.6	0	11	1	1	99
2022	12	4	45	311.1	18.6	5	3	1	0	173
2023 Proj.	13	7	41	322.4	23.7	1	0	2	5	111

24 MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 109

'22 PPG: 28th
'22 YPG: 31st
'22 VS RUN: 20th
'22 VS PASS: 31st

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	15	7	23	393.3	29.7	0	10	0	0	105
2021	16	8	51	383.6	25.1	1	10	2	2	169
2022	15	10	38	388.7	25.1	1	7	1	0	138
2023 Proj.	15	8	37	388.5	25.7	1	1	1	8	109

25 DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 108

'22 PPG: 14th
'22 YPG: 7th
'22 VS RUN: 10th
'22 VS PASS: 12th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	10	6	42	367.9	27.9	0	9	0	1	118
2021	13	6	36	326.1	18.9	3	3	1	0	170
2022	15	8	36	320.0	21.1	3	5	0	0	160
2023 Proj.	13	7	38	330.1	22.6	1	0	2	6	108

26 CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 106

'22 PPG: 6th
'22 YPG: 16th
'22 VS RUN: 7th
'22 VS PASS: 23rd

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	11	6	17	389.2	26.5	0	6	0	1	101
2021	13	8	42	350.8	22.1	3	5	2	0	160
2022	13	11	30	335.7	20.1	1	3	1	0	158
2023 Proj.	11	8	37	329.6	20.3	1	0	2	4	106

27 HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 101

'22 PPG: 27th
'22 YPG: 30th
'22 VS RUN: 32nd
'22 VS PASS: 10th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	3	6	34	416.8	29.0	1	10	1	0	88
2021	17	8	32	384.4	26.6	0	9	1	1	126
2022	16	11	39	379.5	24.7	1	5	1	0	159
2023 Proj.	14	9	35	374.5	24.2	1	0	1	8	101

28 LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 99

'22 PPG: 22nd
'22 YPG: 19th
'22 VS RUN: 13th
'22 VS PASS: 21st

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	14	8	53	281.9	18.5	5	2	4	0	205
2021	19	6	50	344.9	21.9	2	3	0	1	176
2022	16	6	38	341.1	22.6	1	7	1	0	154
2023 Proj.	11	7	38	355.6	24.3	1	0	1	8	99

29 ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 92

'22 PPG: 31st
'22 YPG: 21st
'22 VS RUN: 14th
'22 VS PASS: 24th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	11	10	48	351.9	22.9	4	8	0	0	154
2021	13	14	41	329.2	21.5	2	4	2	0	181
2022	11	9	36	348.9	26.4	1	6	5	0	158
2023 Proj.	12	10	34	353.3	25.6	1	0	0	8	92

30 CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 87

'22 PPG: 32nd
'22 YPG: 29th
'22 VS RUN: 31st
'22 VS PASS: 17th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	10	8	35	344.9	23.1	1	6	1	1	147
2021	8	8	49	316.7	23.9	2	7	2	1	157
2022	14	9	20	375.9	27.2	1	10	0	0	108
2023 Proj.	11	9	24	370.8	24.7	1	0	1	10	87

31 ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 83

'22 PPG: 23rd
'22 YPG: 27th
'22 VS RUN: 23rd
'22 VS PASS: 25th

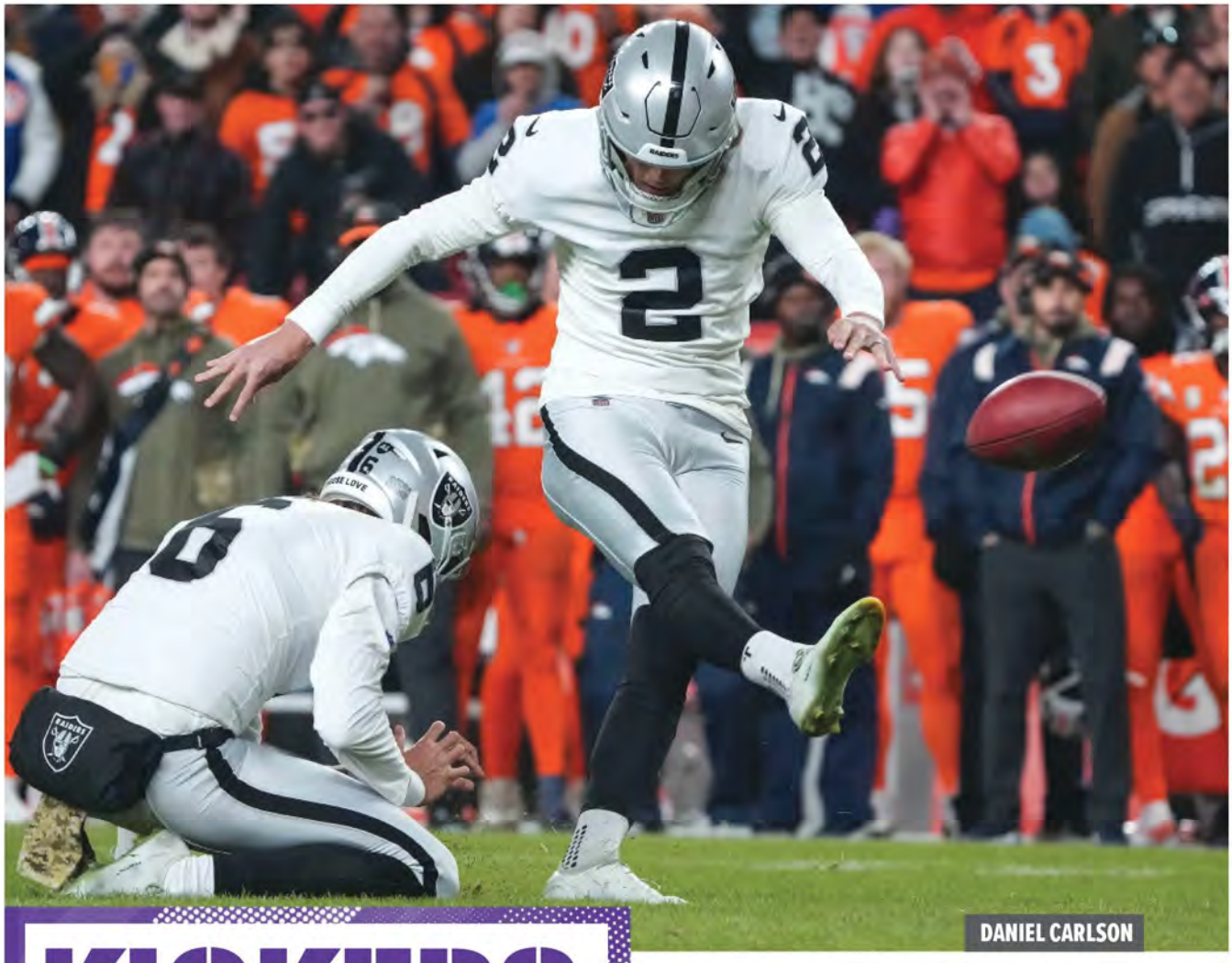
Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	12	9	29	398.4	25.9	1	7	1	0	117
2021	12	8	18	364.4	27.0	0	9	2	0	112
2022	10	7	21	362.1	22.7	0	4	3	0	135
2023 Proj.	11	8	28	365.0	24.2	1	0	0	7	83

32 LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 80

'22 PPG: 26th
'22 YPG: 28th
'22 VS RUN: 19th
'22 VS PASS: 29th

Year	Int.	Fum Rec.	Sacks	Tot. YPG	Tot. PPG	Pts. Allowed <=10	Pts. Allowed >25	by Game Def. TD	Spc.TD	Fan Points
2020	10	5	21	389.1	29.9	1	13	0	0	75
2021	6	9	35	337.2	25.8	0	7	0	0	119
2022	6	7	27	365.6	24.6	0	5	3	0	123
2023 Proj.	7	7	30	364.0	25.2	1	0	0	8	80



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	MICHAEL FABIANO	JENNIFER PIACENTI	KYLE WOOD	CRAIG ELLENPORT	MATT SCHAUF
1.	JUSTIN TUCKER	JUSTIN TUCKER	JUSTIN TUCKER	JUSTIN TUCKER	DANIEL CARLSON
2.	DANIEL CARLSON	DANIEL CARLSON	TYLER BASS	TYLER BASS	JUSTIN TUCKER
3.	TYLER BASS	HARRISON BUTKER	DANIEL CARLSON	HARRISON BUTKER	GREG ZUERLEIN
4.	HARRISON BUTKER	EVAN MCPHERSON	HARRISON BUTKER	JAKE ELLIOTT	TYLER BASS
5.	EVAN MCPHERSON	TYLER BASS	JAKE ELLIOTT	GRAHAM GANO	EVAN MCPHERSON
6.	JAKE ELLIOTT	NICK FOLK	YOUNGHOE KOO	YOUNGHOE KOO	GREG JOSEPH
7.	YOUNGHOE KOO	YOUNGHOE KOO	EVAN MCPHERSON	EVAN MCPHERSON	GRAHAM GANO
8.	JASON SANDERS	JAKE ELLIOTT	NICK FOLK	DANIEL CARLSON	HARRISON BUTKER
9.	BRANDON MCMANUS	JASON SANDERS	JASON SANDERS	JASON SANDERS	CHAD RYLAND
10.	JASON MYERS	NICK FOLK	JASON MYERS	JASON MYERS	JAKE MOODY
11.	MATT GAY	MATT GAY	BRANDON MCMANUS	MATT GAY	YOUNGHOE KOO
12.	GRAHAM GANO	GRAHAM GANO	MATT GAY	NICK FOLK	RILEY PATTERSON
Rookie	JAKE MOODY	JAKE MOODY	JAKE MOODY	JAKE MOODY	CHAD RYLAND
Sleeper	RILEY PATTERSON	KA'IMI FAIRBAIRN	GREG ZUERLEIN	MATT GAY	JAKE MOODY
Deep Sleeper	CHAD RYLAND	EDDY PIÑEIRO	MICHAEL BADGLEY	EDDY PIÑEIRO	CHRISTOPHER DUNN
Bounce-Back	EVAN MCPHERSON	WIL LUTZ	HARRISON BUTKER	HARRISON BUTKER	GREG ZUERLEIN
Bust	MASON CROSBY	BRANDON MCMANUS	MATT PRATER	MASON CROSBY	CHASE MCLAUGHLIN
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01 DANIEL CARLSON
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

EFP: 166
HT: 6-5
WT: 215
AGE: 28

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	LV	16	33	35	6th	26	3	4	54	45	144	155
2021	LV	17	40	43	1st	22	12	6	56	30	150	174
2022	LV	17	34	37	T-3rd	20	3	11	57	35	137	162
2023 Proj.		17	36	39	T-1st	23	6	7	56	38	146	166

02 JUSTIN TUCKER
BALTIMORE RAVENS

EFP: 158
HT: 6-1
WT: 184
AGE: 33

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	BAL	16	26	29	15th	14	9	3	55	52	130	145
2021	BAL	17	35	37	T-5th	16	13	6	66	32	137	163
2022	BAL	17	37	43	1st	24	4	9	58	31	142	164
2023 Proj.		17	32	36	T-3rd	18	9	5	58	43	139	158

03 GREG ZUERLEIN
NEW YORK JETS

EFP: 156
HT: 6-0
WT: 187
AGE: 35

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	DAL	16	34	41	1st	19	12	3	59	33	135	153
2021	DAL	16	29	35	7th	20	7	2	56	42	129	140
2022	NYJ	17	30	37	T-3rd	15	9	6	60	28	118	140
2023 Proj.		17	32	39	T-1st	17	10	5	59	40	136	156

04 TYLER BASS
BUFFALO BILLS

EFP: 153
HT: 5-10
WT: 183
AGE: 26

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	BUF	16	28	34	T-7th	16	8	4	58	57	141	157
2021	BUF	17	28	32	14th	22	4	2	57	51	135	143
2022	BUF	16	27	31	T-18th	15	10	2	56	48	129	143
2023 Proj.		17	29	34	10th	18	8	3	57	52	139	153

05 EVAN McPHERSON
CINCINNATI BENGALS

EFP: 152
HT: 5-11
WT: 185
AGE: 24

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2021	CIN	16	28	33	T-11th	13	6	9	58	46	130	154
2022	CIN	16	24	29	T-23rd	10	9	5	59	40	112	131
2023 Proj.		17	28	33	T-11th	13	8	7	58	46	130	152

06 GREG JOSEPH
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

EFP: 151
HT: 6-0
WT: 206
AGE: 29

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	TB		DNP									
2021	MIN	17	33	38	4th	19	7	7	55	36	135	156
2022	MIN	17	26	33	12th	15	7	4	61	40	118	134
2023 Proj.		17	30	36	T-3rd	17	7	6	56	42	132	151

07 GRAHAM GANO
NEW YORK GIANTS

EFP: 150
HT: 6-2
WT: 202
AGE: 36

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	NYG	16	31	32	T-11th	17	9	5	55	21	114	133
2021	NYG	17	29	33	T-11th	17	5	7	55	17	104	123
2022	NYG	17	29	32	T-13th	11	10	8	57	32	119	145
2023 Proj.		17	30	33	T-11th	15	8	7	56	38	128	150

08 HARRISON BUTKER
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

EFP: 149
HT: 6-4
WT: 199
AGE: 28

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	KC	16	25	27	19th	18	3	4	58	48	123	134
2021	KC	16	25	28	21st	14	4	7	56	47	122	140
2022	KC	13	18	24	28th	11	4	3	62	38	92	103
2023 Proj.		17	28	32	T-16th	17	7	4	58	50	134	149

09 CHAD RYLAND
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

EFP: 148
HT: 6-0
WT: 183
AGE: 23

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2023 Proj.		17	32	36	T-3rd	18	11	3	53	35	131	148

10 JAKE MOODY
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

EFP: 147
HT: 6-1
WT: 210
AGE: 23

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2023 Proj.		17	30	35	T-6th	16	10	4	55	39	129	147

11 YOUNGHOE KOO
ATLANTA FALCONS

EFP: 147
HT: 5-9
WT: 185
AGE: 29

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	ATL	15	37	39	T-2nd	21	8	8	54	33	144	168
2021	ATL	17	27	29	20th	17	6	4	54	30	111	125
2022	ATL	17	32	37	T-3rd	16	9	7	54	33	129	152
2023 Proj.		17	30	33	T-11th	15	8	7	54	35	125	147

12 RILEY PATTERSON
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

EFP: 146
HT: 6-0
WT: 190
AGE: 23

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2021	DET	7	13	14	T-32nd	9	4	0	49	16	55	59
2022	JAC	17	30	35	T-10th	18	10	2	53	36	126	140
2023 Proj.		17	30	35	T-6th	18	10	2	53	42	132	146

13 MATT GAY
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

EFP: 145
HT: 6-0
WT: 232
AGE: 29

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	LAR	7	14	16	T-29th	7	6	1	51	16	58	66
2021	LAR	17	32	34	T-8th	21	7	4	55	48	144	159
2022	LAR	17	28	30	T-21st	17	4	7	58	31	115	133
2023 Proj.		17	30	32	T-16th	18	6	6	58	37	127	145

14 BRANDON McMANUS
DENVER BRONCOS

EFP: 144
HT: 6-3
WT: 201
AGE: 32

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	DEN	15	28	34	T-7th	10	8	10	58	24	108	136
2021	DEN	17	26	31	T-15th	13	8	5	61	33	111	130
2022	DEN	17	28	36	T-8th	10	10	8	55	25	109	135
2023 Proj.		17	29	35	T-6th	13	9	7	55	34	121	144

15 DUSTIN HOPKINS
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

EFP: 143
HT: 6-2
WT: 193
AGE: 32

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	WAS	16	27	34	T-7th	12	13	2	51	30	111	128
2021	WAS/LAC	17	30	34	T-8th	15	13	2	50	40	130	147
2022	LAC	5	9	10	34th	8	1	0	43	12	39	40
2023 Proj.		17	28	33	T-11th	18	8	2	53	47	131	143

16 CHRISTOPHER DUNN
LOS ANGELES RAMS

EFP: 139
HT: 5-8
WT: 170
AGE: 25

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2023 Proj.		17	27	32	T-16th	15	8	4	54	42	123	139

17 MICHAEL BADGLEY
DETROIT LIONS

EFP: 138
HT: 5-10
WT: 183
AGE: 28

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	LAC	16	24	33	10th	14	8	2	53	36	108	120
2021	TEN/IND	13	18	22	T-27th	10	8	0	46	40	94	102
2022	CHI/DET	13	24	28	T-25th	13	9	2	53	33	105	118
2023 Proj.		17	27	33	T-11th	16	10	1	53	45	126	138

18 MATT PRATER
ARIZONA CARDINALS

EFP: 137
HT: 5-10
WT: 201
AGE: 39

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	DET	16	21	28	T-16th	11	4	6	59	38	101	117
2021	ARI	17	30	37	T-5th	20	3	7	62	47	137	155
2022	ARI	13	22	25	27th	11	6	5	57	17	83	99
2023 Proj.		17	29	35	T-6th	17	6	6	58	32	119	137

19 TRISTAN VIZCAINO
DALLAS COWBOYS

EFP: 137
HT: 6-2
WT: 203
AGE: 27

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	BUF	1	3	3	T-40th	2	1	0	47	2	11	12
2021	LAC	6	6	7	37th	5	1	0	46	10	28	29
2022	ARI/NE	3	2	2	T-40th	1	1	0	46	3	9	10
2023 Proj.		17	26	31	T-23rd	14	9	3	53	44	122	137

20 JASON SANDERS
MIAMI DOLPHINS

EFP: 135
HT: 5-11
WT: 190
AGE: 27

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	MIA	16	36	39	T-2nd	16	12	8	56	36	144	172
2021	MIA	17	23	31	T-15th	13	8	2	51	34	103	115
2022	MIA	17	26	32	T-13th	12	12	2	55	41	119	135
2023 Proj.		17	26	32	T-16th	14	9	3	55	42	120	135

21 JAKE ELLIOTT
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

EFP: 135
HT: 5-9
WT: 167
AGE: 28

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	PHI	16	14	19	28th	7	5	2	54	24	66	75
2021	PHI	17	30	33	T-11th	17	10	3	58	44	134	150
2022	PHI	16	20	23	T-29th	14	1	5	56	51	111	122
2023 Proj.		17	24	29	T-30th	14	7	3	56	50	122	135

22 CADE YORK
CLEVELAND BROWNS

EFP: 134
HT: 6-1
WT: 206
AGE: 22

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2022	CLE	17	24	32	T-13th	14	6	4	58	35	107	121
2023 Proj.		17	25	32	T-16th	15	6	4	55	45	120	134

23 EDDY PIÑEIRO
CAROLINA PANTHERS

EFP: 133
HT: 5-11
WT: 190
AGE: 27

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	CHI	DNP - Injury										
2021	NYJ	5	8	8	36th	4	3	1	51	9	33	38
2022	CAR	17	33	35	T-10th	18	13	2	54	30	129	146
2023 Proj.		17	29	32	T-16th	19	8	2	54	34	121	133

24 CHRIS BOSWELL
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

EFP: 132
HT: 6-2
WT: 185
AGE: 32

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	PIT	13	19	20	27th	11	7	1	59	34	91	100
2021	PIT	17	36	40	2nd	17	11	8	56	27	135	162
2022	PIT	12	20	28	T-25th	8	5	7	59	18	78	97
2023 Proj.		17	26	31	T-23rd	12	9	5	59	35	113	132

25 CALEB SHUDAK
TENNESSEE TITANS

EFP: 131
HT: 5-7
WT: 177
AGE: 25

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2022	TEN	1	3	4	38th	3	0	0	38	1	10	10
2023 Proj.		17	27	32	T-16th	17	7	3	53	37	118	131

26 KA'IMI FAIRBAIRN
HOUSTON TEXANS

EFP: 130
HT: 6-0
WT: 183
AGE: 29

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	HOU	16	27	31	T-13th	17	6	4	54	37	118	132
2021	HOU	13	15	19	T-30th	9	2	4	61	13	58	69
2022	HOU	17	29	31	T-18th	14	9	6	56	24	111	132
2023 Proj.		17	27	31	T-23rd	16	7	4	56	34	115	130

27 WIL LUTZ
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

EFP: 129
HT: 5-11
WT: 184
AGE: 29

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	NO	16	23	28	T-16th	15	7	1	53	57	126	135
2021		DNP - Injury										
2022	NO	17	23	31	T-18th	15	4	4	60	33	102	115
2023 Proj.		17	25	30	T-26th	12	10	3	58	38	113	129

28 JOEY SLYE
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

EFP: 128
HT: 5-11
WT: 213
AGE: 27

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	CAR	16	29	36	5th	21	7	1	56	33	120	129
2021	HOU/SF/WAS	12	23	25	22nd	14	5	4	56	18	87	100
2022	WAS	17	25	30	T-21st	13	8	4	58	24	99	115
2023 Proj.		17	25	30	T-26th	13	8	4	56	37	112	128

29 JASON MYERS
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EFP: 127
HT: 5-10
WT: 190
AGE: 32

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	SEA	16	24	24	22nd	9	13	2	61	49	121	144
2021	SEA	17	17	23	T-24th	11	3	3	53	44	95	104
2022	SEA	17	34	37	T-3rd	24	4	6	56	41	143	159
2023 Proj.		17	25	29	T-30th	16	6	3	56	40	115	127

30 CHASE McLAUGHLIN
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

EFP: 126
HT: 6-1
WT: 175
AGE: 27

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	JAC/NYJ	4	4	5	T-37th	2	1	1	52	5	17	20
2021	CLE	16	15	21	29th	7	4	4	57	36	81	93
2022	IND	16	30	36	T-8th	12	9	9	54	21	111	138
2023 Proj.		17	24	30	T-26th	10	7	7	54	33	105	126

31 CAIRO SANTOS
CHICAGO BEARS

EFP: 125
HT: 5-8
WT: 175
AGE: 31

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2020	CHI	16	30	32	T-11th	19	9	2	55	36	126	139
2021	CHI	17	26	30	T-18th	15	11	0	47	27	105	116
2022	CHI	16	21	23	T-29th	11	6	4	51	27	90	104
2023 Proj.		17	27	29	T-30th	16	9	2	53	31	112	125

32 ANDERS CARLSON
GREEN BAY PACKERS

EFP: 123
HT: 6-5
WT: 219
AGE: 25

Year	Team	GP	FGM	FGA	FGA Rank	0-39	40-49	50+	Long	PAT	Pts	Fan Pts.
2023 Proj.		17	24	30	T-26th	12	8	4	55	35	107	123

NICK BOLTON

PATRICK BREEN/USA TODAY SPORTS

IDPs

STAFF TOP 12s

	MICHAEL FABIANO	JENNIFER PIACENTI	KYLE WOOD	CRAIG ELLENPORT	MATT SCHAUF
1.	ROQUAN SMITH	ROQUAN SMITH	ROQUAN SMITH	NICK BOLTON	T.J. WATT
2.	NICK BOLTON	FOYESADE OLUOKUN	FOYESADE OLUOKUN	FOYESADE OLUOKUN	MYLES GARRETT
3.	FOYESADE OLUOKUN	SHAQUILLE LEONARD	NICK BOLTON	ROQUAN SMITH	NICK BOSA
4.	SHAQUILLE LEONARD	NICK BOLTON	SHAQUILLE LEONARD	SHAQUILLE LEONARD	MAXX CROSBY
5.	TREMAINE EDMUNDS	MAXX CROSBY	T.J. EDWARDS	BOBBY WAGNER	NICK BOLTON
6.	LOGAN WILSON	ZAIRE FRANKLIN	LOGAN WILSON	DRE GREENLAW	FOYESADE OLUOKUN
7.	JOSEY JEWELL	JOSEY JEWELL	ZAIRE FRANKLIN	JOSEY JEWELL	ROQUAN SMITH
8.	FRED WARNER	TREMAINE EDMUNDS	TREMAINE EDMUNDS	FRED WARNER	JOEY BOSA
9.	BOBBY WAGNER	BOBBY OKEREKE	BOBBY WAGNER	NICK BOSA	HAASON REDDICK
10.	DEVIN WHITE	T.J. EDWARDS	DEVIN WHITE	MYLES GARRETT	BOBBY WAGNER
11.	C.J. MOSLEY	BOBBY WAGNER	BOBBY OKEREKE	DEVIN WHITE	SHAQUILLE LEONARD
12.	BOBBY OKEREKE	DEVIN WHITE	DRE GREENLAW	MAXX CROSBY	DERWIN JAMES JR.
Rookie	WILL ANDERSON JR.	WILL ANDERSON JR.	JACK CAMPBELL	JACK CAMPBELL	WILL ANDERSON JR.
Sleeper	DIVINE DEABLO	LOGAN WILSON	DRUE TRANQUILL	BRIAN BURNS	TROY ANDERSEN
Deep Sleeper	TROY ANDERSEN	KYZIR WHITE	ZAVEN COLLINS	JAMIN DAVIS	BRIAN ASAMOAH
Bounce-Back	JOSEY JEWELL	JOSEY JEWELL	DE'VONDRE CAMPBELL	CARL LAWSON	SHAQUILLE LEONARD
Bust	JALEN RAMSEY	JALEN RAMSEY	COLE HOLCOMB	MATT MILANO	ZAVEN COLLINS
Injury Risk	SHAQUILLE LEONARD	TREMAINE EDMUNDS	JOEY BOSA	JOEY BOSA	JORDAN POYER

2023 RANKINGS

		Defensive Linemen	Team	Bye
☐	1	T.J. Watt	PIT	6
☐	2	Myles Garrett	CLE	5
☐	3	Nick Bosa	SF	9
☐	4	Maxx Crosby	LV	13
☐	5	Joey Bosa	LAC	5
☐	6	Haason Reddick	PHI	10
☐	7	Kayvon Thibodeaux	NYG	13
☐	8	Matt Judon	NE	11
☐	9	Quinnen Williams	NYJ	7
☐	10	Greg Rousseau	BUF	13
☐	11	Aaron Donald	LAR	10
☐	12	Aidan Hutchinson	DET	9
☐	13	Chris Jones	KC	10
☐	14	Brian Burns	CAR	7
☐	15	Cameron Heyward	PIT	6
☐	16	DeForest Buckner	IND	11
☐	17	Jeffery Simmons	TEN	7
☐	18	Danielle Hunter	MIN	13
☐	19	Montez Sweat	WAS	14
☐	20	Kwity Paye	IND	11
☐	21	Christian Wilkins	MIA	10
☐	22	Sam Hubbard	CIN	7
☐	23	Josh Allen	JAC	9
☐	24	Will Anderson Jr.	HOU	7
☐	25	DeMarcus Lawrence	DAL	7
☐	26	Josh Sweat	PHI	10
☐	27	Jonathan Allen	WAS	14
☐	28	Chase Young	WAS	14
☐	29	Cameron Jordan	NO	11
☐	30	Travon Walker	JAC	9
☐	31	Zach Allen	DEN	9
☐	32	Denico Autry	TEN	7
☐	33	Khalil Mack	LAC	5
☐	34	Chandler Jones	LV	13
☐	35	Daron Payne	WAS	14
☐	36	Javon Hargrave	SF	9
☐	37	Josh Uche	NE	11
☐	38	Leonard Williams	NYG	13
☐	39	George Karlaftis	KC	10
☐	40	Jaelan Phillips	MIA	10
☐	41	Tyree Wilson	LV	13
☐	42	James Houston	DET	9
☐	43	Rashan Gary	GB	6
☐	44	Grady Jarrett	ATL	11
☐	45	Trey Hendrickson	CIN	7

		Linebackers	Team	Bye
☐	1	Nick Bolton	KC	10
☐	2	Foyesade Oluokun	JAC	9
☐	3	Roquan Smith	BAL	13
☐	4	Bobby Wagner	SEA	5
☐	5	Shaquille Leonard	IND	11
☐	6	Bobby Okereke	NYG	13
☐	7	Josey Jewell	DEN	9
☐	8	C.J. Mosley	NYJ	7
☐	9	Eric Kendricks	LAC	5
☐	10	Zaire Franklin	IND	11
☐	11	T.J. Edwards	CHI	13
☐	12	Logan Wilson	CIN	7
☐	13	De'Vondre Campbell	GB	6
☐	14	Alex Singleton	DEN	9
☐	15	Cole Holcomb	PIT	6
☐	16	Fred Warner	SF	9
☐	17	Dre Greenlaw	SF	9
☐	18	Tremaine Edmunds	CHI	13
☐	19	Isaiah Simmons	ARI	14
☐	20	Matt Milano	BUF	13
☐	21	Jordan Hicks	MIN	13
☐	22	Devin White	TB	5
☐	23	Lavonte David	TB	5
☐	24	Micah Parsons	DAL	7
☐	25	Zaven Collins	ARI	14
☐	26	Devin Lloyd	JAC	9
☐	27	Pete Werner	NO	11
☐	28	Frankie Luvu	CAR	7
☐	29	Jack Campbell	DET	9
☐	30	Troy Andersen	ATL	11
☐	31	Quincy Williams	NYJ	7
☐	32	Germaine Pratt	CIN	7
☐	33	Quay Walker	GB	6
☐	34	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	CLE	5
☐	35	Alex Anzalone	DET	9
☐	36	Nakobe Dean	PHI	10
☐	37	Demario Davis	NO	11
☐	38	Patrick Queen	BAL	13
☐	39	Christian Harris	HOU	7
☐	40	Shaq Thompson	CAR	7
☐	41	Jamin Davis	WAS	14
☐	42	David Long Jr.	MIA	10
☐	43	Azeez Al-Shaair	TEN	7
☐	44	Jerome Baker	MIA	10
☐	45	Jordyn Brooks	SEA	5

DERWIN JAMES JR.

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		Defensive Backs	Team	Bye
☐	1	Derwin James Jr.	LAC	5
☐	2	L'Jarius Sneed	KC	10
☐	3	Jalen Pitre	HOU	7
☐	4	Minkah Fitzpatrick	PIT	6
☐	5	Justin Simmons	DEN	9
☐	6	Jaquan Brisker	CHI	13
☐	7	Jeremy Chinn	CAR	7
☐	8	Donovan Wilson	DAL	7
☐	9	Talanoa Hufanga	SF	9
☐	10	Antoine Winfield Jr.	TB	5
☐	11	Rayshawn Jenkins	JAC	9
☐	12	Harrison Smith	MIN	13
☐	13	Grant Delpit	CLE	5

		Defensive Backs	Team	Bye
☐	14	Jordan Poyer	BUF	13
☐	15	Budda Baker	ARI	14
☐	16	Kyle Dugger	NE	11
☐	17	Eddie Jackson	CHI	13
☐	18	Richie Grant	ATL	11
☐	19	Kevin Byard	TEN	7
☐	20	Jalen Thompson	ARI	14
☐	21	Rasul Douglas	GB	6
☐	22	Xavier McKinney	NYG	13
☐	23	C.J. Gardner-Johnson	DET	9
☐	24	Jamal Adams	SEA	5
☐	25	Jevon Holland	MIA	10
☐	26	Kenny Moore II	IND	11

		Defensive Backs	Team	Bye
☐	27	Jessie Bates III	ATL	11
☐	28	Kamren Curl	WAS	14
☐	29	Vonn Bell	CAR	7
☐	30	Darrick Forrest	WAS	14
☐	31	Jalen Ramsey	MIA	10
☐	32	Marlon Humphrey	BAL	13
☐	33	Devon Witherspoon	SEA	5
☐	34	Tyrann Mathieu	NO	11
☐	35	DeShon Elliott	MIA	10
☐	36	Dax Hill	CIN	7
☐	37	Charvarius Ward	SF	9
☐	38	Terrell Edmunds	PHI	10
☐	39	Sauce Gardner	NYJ	7

		Defensive Backs	Team	Bye
☐	40	Jartavius Martin	WAS	14
☐	41	Jordan Fuller	LAR	10
☐	42	Carlton Davis III	TB	5
☐	43	Caden Sterns	DEN	9
☐	44	Jayron Kearse	DAL	7
☐	45	Emmanuel Forbes	WAS	14

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T.J. WATT

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01 T.J. WATT
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

BYE WEEK: 6
HT: 6-4
WT: 252
AGE: 28

Don't let Watt's 2022 struggles obscure his previous two years. He led the NFL in sacks and tackles for a loss in 2020 and 2021. Since he entered the league in 2017, no one has more sacks or QB hits. Watt tore a pectoral muscle in Week 1 of last season and had knee surgery while recovering. That he returned to play at all was impressive. Ignore the stats. Watt turns 29 in October and has shown no signs of healthy decline. He remains under contract (for big money) through 2025.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	PIT	15	43	10	53	15.0	1	2	0	7	0
2021	PIT	15	48	16	64	22.5	0	5	3	7	0
2022	PIT	10	27	12	39	5.5	2	1	0	5	0

02 MYLES GARRETT
CLEVELAND BROWNS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-4
WT: 272
AGE: 27

Only Garrett and Nick Bosa finished each of the past two seasons among the top 10 D-linemen in fantasy points per game. Only Garrett has landed there three straight years. Since 2018 — Garrett's second year — only T.J. Watt has more sacks. And only Aaron Donald has come within 10 of Garrett's total. Cleveland imported DT Dalvin Tomlinson and DE Ogbonnia Okoronkwo in free agency to bolster the line.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CLE	14	33	15	48	12.0	0	4	2	2	0
2021	CLE	17	33	18	51	16.0	0	1	1	3	1
2022	CLE	16	37	23	60	16.0	0	2	0	4	0

03 NICK BOSA
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-4
WT: 266
AGE: 25

Bosa's two healthiest seasons have found him leading the league in tackles for a loss (2021) and sacks (2022). His second year ended with a Week 2 ACL tear. And Bosa played through a hamstring issue in his rookie campaign. He has made three Pro Bowl teams and won Defensive Rookie of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. According to Pro Football Focus, only Micah Parsons generated more pressures last season. Adding DT Javon Hargrave makes the Niners' front even tougher.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	SF	1	3	3	6	0.0	0	1	0	0	0
2021	SF	17	40	12	52	15.5	0	4	0	1	0
2022	SF	16	41	10	51	18.5	0	2	0	1	0

04 MAXX CROSBY
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-5
WT: 255
AGE: 26

Crosby ranked among the league's best pass rushers in 2021, but converting only eight sacks kept much of that value hidden. That changed with his 2022 explosion. Over the past two years, only Nick Bosa had more QB hits than Crosby. Only Bosa had more tackles for a loss, a category Crosby led last season. This 26-year-old has spent more time in offensive backfields the past four years than new teammate Jimmy Garoppolo. (Probably not true.) Crosby is in the second year of a contract averaging $23.5 million per year.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	LV	15	20	19	39	7.0	0	0	1	1	0
2021	LV	17	36	20	56	8.0	0	0	0	7	0
2022	LV	17	58	31	89	12.5	0	3	1	4	0

05 JOEY BOSA
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-5
WT: 280
AGE: 28

Bosa endured a rough 2022. A Week 3 groin injury sent him to the injured reserve and required surgery. He didn't make it back until Week 17. Bosa played just 47 total snaps over the final two games and then a mere 51 percent of the playoff loss at Jacksonville. A healthy Bosa perenially plays more than 70 percent and opened last year at more than 90 percent for the first two games. If he stays near that level and avoids injury, we could be looking at career highs in multiple categories in Bosa's age-28 season.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	LAC	12	29	10	39	7.5	0	0	1	1	0
2021	LAC	16	36	15	51	10.5	0	7	0	0	0
2022	LAC	5	8	2	10	2.5	0	1	0	0	0

06 HAASON REDDICK
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 6-1
WT: 240
AGE: 28

Reddick validated Philadelphia's 2022 free-agent investment (three years, $45 million). Pro Football Focus credited him with the fourth-most pressures among all defensive players and the best pass-rushing grade of his career. Reddick turned that into the second-most fantasy points among D-linemen (depending on your scoring format). Even that fell short of his 2020 career high for fantasy points per game. At 29 — in late September — Reddick is a big-play creator in one of the league's best D-line groups.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	ARI	16	43	20	63	12.5	0	6	0	4	0
2021	CAR	16	37	31	68	11.0	0	2	1	0	0
2022	PHI	17	35	14	49	16.0	0	5	3	3	0

07 KAYVON THIBODEAUX
NEW YORK GIANTS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-5
WT: 258
AGE: 22

A preseason MCL sprain delayed Thibodeaux's debut and likely affected his rookie-year performance beyond that. From Week 12 on, however, he ranked 16th in the league in total pressures and tied for fifth in QB hits, according to Pro Football Focus. Last year's No. 5 pick overall led that rookie class in career tackles for a loss per game in college (1.18). He then posted a 90th-percentile speed score at the NFL Scouting Combine. There's some risk to taking him this high, but there's also double-digit sack upside.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2022	NYG	14	32	16	48	4.0	0	2	2	5	1

08 MATTHEW JUDON
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-3
WT: 261
AGE: 31

After four years of generating more pressure than his sack totals revealed in Baltimore, Judon has broken out over two New England seasons. Only Nick Bosa and Myles Garrett have more sacks over that span. Judon also ranks fifth in QB hits and 10th in tackles for a loss since joining the Patriots. He'll turn 31 before the season starts. But Judon played the 12th-most snaps among edge players last year and tied for 14th-most pass-rushing attempts. The veteran is also coming off the best Pro Football Focus grade of his career.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	BAL	13	32	18	50	6.0	0	0	0	2	0
2021	NE	17	38	22	60	12.5	0	0	1	1	0
2022	NE	17	36	24	60	15.5	0	2	1	3	0

09 QUINNEN WILLIAMS
NEW YORK JETS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-3
WT: 303
AGE: 25

Don't mistake the big difference between Williams' 2021 and 2022 production as evidence that last year was a fluke. His preparation for 2021 was severely limited by an offseason foot fracture that kept him out through most of training camp. No such issue in 2022, though. The former top-five pick continued his progression across categories. That included ranking eighth among interior linemen in total pressures and fourth in overall Pro Football Focus grade. Look for it to continue in a still-maturing Jets defense.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	NYJ	13	32	23	55	7.0	0	2	0	3	0
2021	NYJ	15	35	17	52	6.0	0	0	0	3	0
2022	NYJ	16	35	20	55	12.0	0	2	1	4	0

10 GREG ROUSSEAU
BUFFALO BILLS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-6
WT: 266
AGE: 23

According to Pro Football Focus, Rousseau jumped from 47th in pass-rushing grade among all edge players to 14th in his second season. He ranked 18th in pass-rushing productivity among 129 edge players with 100-plus pass-rushing snaps. Rousseau saw his playing time increase in Year 2, especially late in the year after his return from injury. Expect further physical development for a late first-rounder who sat out his final college season (COVID) and arrived slim (48th-percentile weight) but fast (81st-percentile 40 time).

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	BUF	17	42	8	50	4.0	1	1	0	4	0
2022	BUF	13	27	10	37	8.0	0	1	0	4	0

11 AARON DONALD
LOS ANGELES RAMS

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 6-1
WT: 280
AGE: 32

Losing games to a late-season high-ankle sprain didn't help. But Donald showed signs of potential regression in 2022. He generated pressure on just 10.1 percent of his pass rushes, according to Pro Football Focus. That marked a significant fall from 13.1 percent in 2021 and 17.2 percent the year before. It was Donald's lowest rate since his rookie year and well below his career 14.6 percent rate. The Rams could use more help around the 32-year-old. But lavish spending in free agency and draft-pick trades handcuffed them.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	LAR	15	27	18	45	13.5	0	4	1	1	0
2021	LAR	17	38	46	84	12.5	0	4	0	4	0
2022	LAR	11	27	22	49	5.0	0	1	1	2	0

12 AIDAN HUTCHINSON
DETROIT LIONS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-6
WT: 265
AGE: 23

Hutchinson finished top 15 among fantasy D-linemen as a rookie. Playing in every game helped. So did racking up three sacks in Week 2. That contest accounted for 16 percent of his full-season scoring. Hutchinson finished strong, though, earning his four best Pro Football Focus pass-rushing grades over the final five games. And his 26.5 tackles for a loss across two healthy starting seasons at Michigan show his ability to get into the backfield. Hutchinson lacks Kayvon Thibodeaux's athletic ceiling but might be a safer bet.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2022	DET	17	34	18	52	9.5	3	0	2	3	0

13 CHRIS JONES
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 6-6
WT: 310
AGE: 29

After losing six games to injuries over the previous three seasons, Jones stayed healthy through 2022. And he matched his career high in sacks. Pro Football Focus graded Jones elite as a pass rusher for the fourth straight year. He earned his second-best run defense grade. And the Chiefs decreased his playing time on the edge after experimenting with him there. Jones clearly does his best work inside, where his combo of top-shelf quickness, height and long arms terrorizes stubbier, slower offensive linemen.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	KC	14	23	13	36	7.5	0	2	0	4	0
2021	KC	14	18	9	27	9.0	0	1	1	5	0
2022	KC	17	30	14	44	15.5	0	2	1	4	0

14 BRIAN BURNS
CAROLINA PANTHERS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-5
WT: 250
AGE: 25

Heading into just his age-25 season, Burns looks like an ascending pass rusher. His playing time has increased yearly, reaching nearly 90 percent in 2022. Only eight edge players provided more pressures last season, according to Pro Football Focus. Burns would sit higher in these rankings if not for April ankle surgery for a fracture that initially went undetected. The team expects him to be ready for training camp and at full strength for the season. But the ankle will bear watching throughout the summer.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CAR	15	35	23	58	9.0	0	3	0	4	0
2021	CAR	17	31	19	50	9.0	0	2	0	4	0
2022	CAR	16	34	29	63	12.5	0	1	0	3	0

AARON DONALD

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19 MONTEZ SWEAT
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 6-6
WT: 262
AGE: 27

Sweat finished 2022 tied for just 30th in the league in sacks and with merely the third-most solo tackles of his career. That masked an impressive bounce-back overall, though. His 28 QB hits topped his career high by eight and tied for fourth in the league. Pro Football Focus graded him 16th in pass rushing among 133 edge players who played at least 200 snaps. Sweat tied for 12th-most total pressures at the position. A healthy Chase Young and post-breakout Daron Payne should make this Washington's best D-line in years.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	WAS	16	28	17	45	9.0	1	2	0	6	1
2021	WAS	10	13	11	24	5.0	0	3	0	0	0
2022	WAS	17	27	19	46	8.0	0	0	0	2	0

20 KWITY PAYE
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-2
WT: 261
AGE: 24

A high-ankle sprain disrupted what might have been a breakout second season for Paye in 2022. He lost five games and parts of two others to the injury, which originally occurred in Week 5. When on the field, he delivered top-15 fantasy scoring. Paye beat his rookie-year totals in sacks and tackles and fell just five pressures short of 2021, despite the missed time. His playing time at the start and finish of the year beat his rookie-year rate, regularly topping 75 percent. Paye's run D lays a solid floor beneath his sack upside.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	IND	15	16	16	32	4.0	0	1	2	1	0
2022	IND	12	32	13	45	6.0	0	0	1	0	0

15 CAMERON HEYWARD
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

BYE WEEK: 6
HT: 6-5
WT: 295
AGE: 34

The cliff has to be approaching for this 34-year-old, but he sure hasn't reached it yet. Heyward hasn't lost a game to injury since 2016. His playing time dipped slightly in 2022 — from 82 percent to 75 percent — but Heyward still tied for 14th among all interior linemen in total snaps. He also tied his career's third-best Pro Football Focus grade, surpassed only by 2019 and 2021. T.J. Watt's healthy return can only help the attention paid to his mates in the front seven. Barring a bigger playing-time dip, Heyward should remain steady.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	PIT	15	30	24	54	4.0	1	0	0	3	0
2021	PIT	17	53	36	89	10.0	1	1	1	9	0
2022	PIT	17	39	35	74	10.5	0	1	1	4	0

17 JEFFERY SIMMONS
TENNESSEE TITANS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-4
WT: 305
AGE: 26

Simmons' 2022 numbers might not look like progress vs. the year before. But they look a lot better if you realize he played the entire second half on a sprained ankle. Simmons turned up questionable or out on every injury report from Week 8 through Week 14. And then he missed Week 17 with the same issue. That didn't dissuade the Titans from extending him for four years at $94 million in April. The 26-year-old has improved his pass-rushing performance each season, according to Pro Football Focus grading.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	TEN	15	24	25	49	3.0	0	1	3	5	0
2021	TEN	17	42	12	54	8.5	0	0	0	6	0
2022	TEN	15	25	28	53	7.5	0	1	0	7	0

21 CHRISTIAN WILKINS
MIAMI DOLPHINS

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 6-4
WT: 310
AGE:

Wilkins' fantasy points per game have leapt over the past two years, from sub-4 in his first two campaigns to 5.3 or more in 2021 and 2022. Tackle volume has been the primary driver, and career-high playing time in 2022 gives reason to believe it'll continue. Wilkins played 83.5 percent of Miami's defensive snaps, leading all interior linemen in total snaps. According to Pro Football Focus grades, his performance has improved each year in both run defense and pass rushing. In a tackle-heavy format, move Wilkins even higher.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	MIA	14	28	19	47	1.5	1	0	1	5	0
2021	MIA	17	49	40	89	4.5	0	1	1	4	0
2022	MIA	17	59	39	98	3.5	0	2	1	6	0

16 DEFOREST BUCKNER
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-7
WT: 295
AGE: 29

Buckner didn't miss a game over the past two seasons, though he easily could have. The veteran turned up questionable in six non-consecutive games over that span, playing through back, knee, hip, elbow and rib injuries. That shows Buckner's toughness, dealing with issues that kept him from practicing at times. But it's fair to wonder how long his body can hold up. At 29, though, he remains productive. Buckner has fallen outside the top 25 in QB hits just once in the past six years.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	IND	15	37	21	58	9.5	0	2	1	3	0
2021	IND	17	40	28	68	7.0	0	0	0	3	0
2022	IND	17	44	30	74	8.0	0	2	1	3	0

18 DANIELLE HUNTER
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-5
WT: 263
AGE: 28

Hunter rebounded impressively in 2022 after losing 26 games to injuries over the previous two seasons. In addition to the sacks and tackles, he matched his 2019 career high in QB hits (22). Hunter did fall short of his previous three fantasy-scoring averages by 1.5 points or more, though. The new defense did drop him into coverage at a career-high rate, though just 31 total times, according to Pro Football Focus. We probably shouldn't expect further improvement in Hunter's pressure rate in his age-29 season.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	MIN	DNP - INJURY									
2021	MIN	7	23	15	38	6.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	MIN	17	46	19	65	10.5	0	1	0	3	0

22 SAM HUBBARD
CINCINNATI BENGALS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-5
WT: 265
AGE: 28

Hubbard saw more than 80 percent playing time last year, his third such rate over the past four years. That makes Hubbard one of the busiest D-linemen in the league. And that boosts the stat volume for a guy who doesn't match the position's top talents in athleticism. Among linemen, only Hubbard and Washington DT Jonathan Allen have reached 60 total tackles each of the past four years. Hubbard heads into his age-28 season with a contract that runs through 2025 and averages $10 million annually.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CIN	13	33	29	62	2.0	0	1	0	3	0
2021	CIN	16	33	29	62	7.5	0	1	2	3	0
2022	CIN	15	34	26	60	6.5	0	1	0	3	0

23 JOSH ALLEN
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-5
WT: 255
AGE: 26

Allen's sacks remained disappointing in 2022, and his tackle total fell drastically. But it's tough to blame him. Allen's playing time rose for the third straight year, to 77 percent of Jacksonville's snaps. Pro Football Focus gave him the highest run-defense and pass-rushing grades of his career and has increased Allen's overall grade each season. Only eight edge players generated more total pressures in 2022. With an improving team around him, Allen looks well-positioned to convert more of those into sacks in 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	JAC	7	8	5	13	2.5	0	0	0	1	0
2021	JAC	16	46	25	71	7.5	1	1	1	4	0
2022	JAC	17	35	22	57	6.0	0	4	2	2	1

24 WILL ANDERSON JR.
HOUSTON TEXANS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-4
WT: 243
AGE: 22

The knock on Anderson is size: 47th-percentile height and 23rd-percentile weight for the position at the NFL Scouting Combine. But he makes up for some of that with long arms (63rd percentile) and a 4.6-second 40 time (89th percentile). That gives him an 85th-percentile speed score for the position. More importantly, Anderson immediately started and produced at Alabama. He became the only player to win back-to-back SEC Defensive Player of the Year awards. Bet on the proven talent.

25 DEMARCUS LAWRENCE
DALLAS COWBOYS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-3
WT: 265
AGE: 31

Lawrence rebounded for remarkable productivity in his age-30 season after losing more than half of 2021 to a foot fracture. His playing time has settled in around 60 percent, though, making it tough for him to repeat last year's career highs in solo and total tackles. Lawrence also doesn't appear to have the pass-rushing ceiling he once did. His 13 QB hits last season were half as many as he generated in 2017 and 10 fewer than his other double-digit sack year (2018). Lawrence presents a decent floor but a low ceiling.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	DAL	16	34	24	58	6.5	0	4	1	2	0
2021	DAL	7	16	5	21	3.0	1	2	0	5	1
2022	DAL	17	43	22	65	6.0	0	3	1	3	1

26 JOSH SWEAT
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 6-5
WT: 265
AGE: 26

Sweat's breakout 2022 saw his production rise to match the playing time that got there the year before. He has increased his Pro Football Focus pass-rushing grade in each of the past four seasons and earned a large boost in run-defense grade in 2022. That manifested in a career high in solo tackles. At 26, Sweat has two years remaining on a contract paying $13.3 million per year. Losing DT Javon Hargrave presents a challenge. Hargrave ranked among the league's best interior rushers over the past three years.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	PHI	13	24	14	38	6.0	0	3	0	2	0
2021	PHI	16	19	26	45	7.5	0	1	0	4	0
2022	PHI	16	31	17	48	11.0	1	1	0	1	1

27 JONATHAN ALLEN
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 6-3
WT: 300
AGE: 28

Allen and Sam Hubbard are the only D-linemen in the league to reach 60 tackles each of the past four years. Allen has also upped his pass-rushing game the past three years. Pro Football Focus graded him seventh or better in that category among interior linemen each of those seasons. Only Aaron Donald, Chris Jones and Javon Hargrave matched that over the same span. Allen hits his age-28 season off a career-high in playing time, seeing 82 percent of Washington snaps in his 16 games.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	WAS	16	36	27	63	2.0	0	0	1	0	0
2021	WAS	17	31	31	62	9.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	WAS	16	44	20	64	7.5	1	2	0	3	0

28 CHASE YOUNG
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 6-5
WT: 264
AGE: 24

Young heads into his fourth season as an unknown quantity. After a pretty good rookie year, he performed disappointingly in 2021 before a November ACL tear ended his campaign. Young struggled to get back from that injury — which included surrounding damage — and played in only the final three games, tallying just one QB hit. Washington drafted him second overall in 2020 after 30.5 career sacks and 40.5 tackles for a loss at Ohio State. But the declined fifth-year option shows that Young has plenty to prove.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	WAS	14	32	12	44	7.5	0	4	3	4	1
2021	WAS	9	15	11	26	1.5	0	2	0	2	0
2022	WAS	3	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	0	1	0

29 CAMERON JORDAN
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-4
WT: 287
AGE: 34

Jordan finally lost his first career game to injury last season (eye in Week 11). On the field, he remained productive — but with some signs of decline. Jordan tallied his fewest QB hits (13) since 2014, nine fewer than he delivered in 2021. And Pro Football Focus gave him a career-low pass-rushing grade. Jordan ranked 119th among 133 edge players who played at least 200 snaps. Don't be surprised if the playing time dips at least some in 2023 or if we see further decline from the 34-year-old.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	NO	16	34	17	51	7.5	0	1	0	3	0
2021	NO	16	38	21	59	12.5	0	2	0	6	0
2022	NO	16	40	26	66	8.5	0	2	0	2	0

30 TRAVON WALKER
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-5
WT: 272
AGE: 22

Walker leapt over more proven classmates Aidan Hutchinson and Kayvon Thibodeaux to be picked first in last year's draft. But his lackluster rookie-year production lined up with saggy numbers at Georgia: 9.5 sacks, 13.0 tackles for a loss over three seasons. Still, Jacksonville proved its belief by playing him on more than 70 percent of snaps in all 15 of his healthy games (including playoffs). Later in your draft, it's OK to bet a third or fourth DL slot on the athletic upside.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2022	JAC	15	24	25	49	3.5	1	1	0	2	0

JOSH ALLEN

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01 NICK BOLTON
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 5-11
WT: 237
AGE: 23

Only six players have more tackles than Bolton since he entered the league in 2021, and he didn't become a full-time player until last year. In his first season as a starter, Bolton delivered nine games of double-digit fantasy points (depending on your format, and including playoffs). He proved especially efficient over the season's second half. Pro Football Focus' coverage grades also suggest Bolton improved there as 2022 wore on. He brings strong floors and ceilings in a defense that will play from ahead often.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	KC	16	70	42	112	0.0	0	0	1	3	1
2022	KC	17	108	72	180	2.0	2	1	0	3	0

02 FOYESADE OLUOKUN
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-2
WT: 230
AGE: 28

New team, same production. Oluokun has delivered two of the 13 largest tackle totals in history over the past two years. He led the league in solo tackles in his first Jacksonville campaign. Oluokun also tied his career high with nine QB hits and tripled his previous high with 12 tackles for a loss. LB Devin Lloyd — a first-round pick last year — disappointed as a rookie. Even if Lloyd rebounds in Year 2, though, Oluokun is in just the second season of a contract paying him $15 million a year.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	ATL	15	78	39	117	3.0	2	4	1	4	0
2021	ATL	17	102	90	192	2.0	3	1	0	6	0
2022	JAC	17	128	56	184	2.0	0	2	2	5	0

03 ROQUAN SMITH
BALTIMORE RAVENS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-1
WT: 236
AGE: 26

Smith delivered top-five fantasy scoring and consistent production in 2022, despite switching teams mid-year. His nine games of 10-plus tackles tied for third in the league. Moving to Baltimore likely re-ignites his sack upside. Smith went from three pass rushes per game with the Bears last year to 4.7 per contest with the Ravens, according to Pro Football Focus. He also has delivered the second-most tackles for a loss among linebackers over the past three years. Smith basically lives in the opponent's backfield.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CHI	16	98	41	139	4.0	2	1	0	7	0
2021	CHI	17	95	68	163	3.0	1	0	0	3	1
2022	CHI/BAL	17	103	66	169	4.5	3	0	0	6	0

04 BOBBY WAGNER
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-0
WT: 242
AGE: 33

Wagner didn't miss a game and registered another top-10 finish in his age-32 season last year. Don't read into the Rams releasing him afterward. The team needed a roster and salary-cap reset. Wagner landed with his original team, which lost LB Jordyn Brooks to a January ACL tear. That figures to challenge Brooks' start to 2023. And no Brooks can only mean more tackle upside for Wagner. The veteran remains a terrific all-around player who saw his Pro Football Focus grades rise across categories in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	SEA	16	81	57	138	3.0	0	0	1	8	0
2021	SEA	16	93	77	170	1.0	1	1	0	5	0
2022	LAR	17	81	59	140	6.0	2	0	0	5	0

05 SHAQUILLE LEONARD
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-2
WT: 230
AGE: 28

Watch Leonard's summer to make sure he's back to full health. But 2022 looks like a year to throw out. First came lingering ankle trouble from a previous injury. Then came June back surgery. He never made it all the way back from either issue, adding a concussion and a facial injury. Leonard finished among the top 12 linebackers in 2021, despite playing through the initial ankle injury all year. At full health, he still holds more cross-category upside than anyone else. And at 28, he should be in his prime.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	IND	14	86	46	132	3.0	0	3	2	7	0
2021	IND	16	75	47	122	0.0	4	8	2	8	0
2022	IND	3	8	3	11	0.0	1	0	0	1	0

06 BOBBY OKEREKE
NEW YORK GIANTS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-1
WT: 235
AGE: 27

Zaire Franklin's emergence overshadowed Okereke's LB1-level scoring in 2022. Okereke did that despite fluctuations in playing time. The Giants gave him $10 million per year on a four-year contract, which will eliminate any playing-time questions. The Giants had no single full-time linebacker throughout last season. Okereke has shown production potential across categories, though he's unlikely to deliver pass-rushing upside. Okereke will play better in formats that lean toward tackle scoring or balance over big plays.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	IND	14	57	15	72	0.0	1	0	1	6	0
2021	IND	17	89	43	132	1.0	2	0	0	4	0
2022	IND	17	99	52	151	0.0	0	2	2	5	0

07 JOSEY JEWELL
DENVER BRONCOS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-2
WT: 236
AGE: 28

Jewell probably did better in fantasy last year than you realize. He posted 10-plus tackles seven times over just 12 healthy outings. That was the primary driver for his top-three scoring average (depending on your format), but Jewell also contributed across categories. Denver re-signed LB Alex Singleton in free agency, but Jewell returned to 100 percent playing time both times he returned from injury despite Singleton's presence. He beats Singleton as a coverage player and should remain a full-timer through 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	DEN	16	67	46	113	2.0	0	0	0	4	0
2021	DEN	2	6	1	7	0.0	0	1	0	1	0
2022	DEN	13	70	58	128	2.5	2	2	2	4	0

08 C.J. MOSLEY
NEW YORK JETS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-2
WT: 231
AGE: 31

After basically losing all of 2019-20 to injury and then COVID, Mosley has registered consecutive top-10 finishes among fantasy LBs. At 30, he improved his Pro Football Focus grades in run defense, pass rushing and coverage. The past two years have seen Mosley's two largest totals for total tackles, solo stops and assists. Last season saw Mosley's most passes defended since 2017. There's potential for physical regression in his age-31 campaign, but the veteran hasn't shown reason to stop playing him.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	NYJ	DNP - OPT OUT									
2021	NYJ	16	103	65	168	2.0	0	2	0	2	0
2022	NYJ	17	99	59	158	1.0	1	0	1	7	0

09 ERIC KENDRICKS
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-0
WT: 232
AGE: 31

The Chargers signed Kendricks just a week after the Vikings released him in March. The veteran remained a productive, full-time player in Minnesota in 2022. But his bulky contract at a non-premium position made him expendable. Drue Tranquill, L.A.'s top linebacker of 2022, remained on the open market when the team opted for Kendricks. That tells us the team sees this vet as an upgrade. Kendrick finished in the top six among fantasy LBs, including posting 5.5 sacks, and has cross-category scoring ability.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	MIN	11	69	38	107	0.0	3	0	0	6	0
2021	MIN	15	81	62	143	5.0	2	0	1	4	0
2022	MIN	17	87	50	137	1.0	0	0	1	6	1

10 ZAIRE FRANKLIN
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-0
WT: 235
AGE: 27

Franklin came out of nowhere to deliver 10 games of 10 tackles or more last year, tying for the league lead. Shaquille Leonard's injury woes likely allowed Franklin the early-season full-time role. But his play kept him on the field even more than Bobby Okereke, an incumbent starter. Okereke left for the Giants in free agency. Leonard should be back in the lineup and is the better bet for fantasy upside, assuming full health. But the Colts put two LBs inside the fantasy top 12 at the position last year.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	IND	16	7	3	10	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	IND	17	14	15	29	0.0	1	0	0	2	0
2022	IND	17	102	65	167	3.0	0	3	0	6	0

11 T.J. EDWARDS
CHICAGO BEARS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-1
WT: 242
AGE: 27

Edwards was the cheaper of two linebackers Chicago signed in free agency. But he performed better than Tremaine Edmunds in 2022. Fantasy-wise, Edwards cracked the top 10, while Edmunds sat low in LB2 territory in points per game. Pro Football Focus graded Edwards the No. 2 LB in the league last season, with high marks in run defense, pass rush and coverage. Expect him and Edmunds to both get full playing time. The Bears kept two LBs on the field last season through the Roquan Smith trade and injuries.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	PHI	12	37	33	70	2.0	1	2	0	1	0
2021	PHI	16	64	66	130	1.0	1	0	1	5	0
2022	PHI	17	98	60	158	2.0	0	0	1	7	0

12 LOGAN WILSON
CINCINNATI BENGALS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-2
WT: 245
AGE: 27

Wilson's playing time increased for the second straight year in 2022, when he played every snap in 15 of his 18 games (including playoffs). His fantasy points per game also increased again, despite the dip in INTs. Wilson improved his play in all areas in his third season. Pro Football Focus graded him 15th best in coverage among 60 LBs who played at least 500 snaps. Wilson's production in coverage dates back to college, where he totaled 10 career INTs. Wilson carries high upside into Year 4.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CIN	12	23	10	33	1.0	2	0	0	3	0
2021	CIN	13	57	43	100	1.0	4	1	0	4	0
2022	CIN	15	83	40	123	2.5	1	1	0	4	0

13 ALEX SINGLETON
DENVER BRONCOS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-2
WT: 240
AGE: 29

Singleton has racked up tackles whenever he's played over the past three years. His problem has been staying on the field. Each of those seasons found him right around 68 percent of his team's total defensive snaps. Denver re-signed him for $6 million a year over three years in free agency. Any growth to Singleton's playing time would make him a candidate to lead the league in tackles. He delivered seven games of 10-plus tackles last year despite reaching 80 percent playing time in just nine contests.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	PHI	14	75	45	120	2.0	1	0	2	1	1
2021	PHI	16	81	56	137	0.0	1	1	0	4	1
2022	DEN	17	100	63	163	0.0	0	1	0	3	0

14 COLE HOLCOMB
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

BYE WEEK: 6
HT: 6-1
WT: 240
AGE: 27

Holcomb lost the last 10 games of 2022 to a foot injury that eventually required surgery. Washington then let him hit the market, where Pittsburgh quickly paid $6 million per season on a three-year contract. That positions Holcomb as the Steelers' full-time, non-edge LB. They've moved on from last year's starters, Devin Bush and Myles Jack. A healthy Holcomb finished among the top-10 fantasy linebackers in 2021. He proved particularly productive in coverage that year but is unlikely to offer much in the pass rush.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	WAS	11	45	27	72	2.5	1	0	0	1	0
2021	WAS	16	83	59	142	1.0	2	2	1	7	1
2022	WAS	8	37	32	69	0.0	0	0	0	1	0

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FRED WARNER

19 MATT MILANO
BUFFALO BILLS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-0
WT: 223
AGE: 29

The Bills extended Milano for $14 million per year over two years in March. And then they let MLB Tremaine Edmunds walk in free agency. That leaves Milano as the team's clear-cut No. 1 linebacker for 2023, with a lack of clarity on who will join him. Milano's best work comes in coverage, where he delivered a career high in passes defended last season. Buffalo shifted pass-rushing snaps from 2021 to coverage last year, and Milano earned the best coverage grade of his career from Pro Football Focus.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	BUF	10	35	10	45	3.5	1	0	0	4	0
2021	BUF	16	57	29	86	3.0	0	0	2	5	0
2022	BUF	15	72	27	99	1.5	3	0	2	11	1

20 JORDAN HICKS
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-1
WT: 236
AGE: 31

The Vikings dumped Eric Kendricks' contract but restructured Hicks' deal this offseason. The incumbent appears likely to start next to 2022 third-rounder Brian Asamoah II, who played just 119 total defensive snaps last season. Hicks' playing time dipped late last season, falling short of 70 percent playing time in each of the final five regular-season games. That should rebound in 2023, unless the team indicates in August that it prefers Asamoah as the top guy. Either will be in good position for tackle production.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	ARI	16	78	40	118	0.0	1	0	0	4	0
2021	ARI	17	75	41	116	4.0	0	1	2	5	0
2022	MIN	17	86	43	129	3.0	1	1	0	10	0

15 FRED WARNER
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-3
WT: 230
AGE: 26

Warner has finished each of the past four years among the top-20 fantasy-scoring linebackers. Even his rookie season in 2018 found him right on the fringe. Warner's pass-rushing opportunities have declined from his first few seasons, but that's likely because he's one of the league's best coverage linebackers. Warner also earned his career-best Pro Football Focus run-defense grade last season, the third straight year he has improved there. That combo lays a strong base for consistent production and upside.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	SF	16	80	45	125	1.0	2	1	2	6	0
2021	SF	16	79	58	137	0.5	0	1	3	4	0
2022	SF	17	80	51	131	2.0	1	1	0	10	0

17 TREMAINE EDMUNDS
CHICAGO BEARS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-5
WT: 250
AGE: 25

Edmunds was the more expensive of Chicago's two free-agent additions at linebacker. His $18 million annual average tripled that of new teammate T.J. Edwards. We know Edmunds will start at middle linebacker and play full time. That will mean plenty of tackle and coverage upside. Since he entered the league in 2018, no LB has more passes defended. But Edmunds' past four years have fallen well short of his rookie-year fantasy-scoring average. They also have fallen well short of what Edwards averaged in 2022.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	BUF	15	77	42	119	2.0	0	0	0	3	0
2021	BUF	15	70	38	108	0.0	1	0	0	4	0
2022	BUF	13	66	36	102	1.0	1	0	0	7	0

21 DEVIN WHITE
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-0
WT: 237
AGE: 25

White requested a trade this offseason. But that doesn't threaten his role. The squabble reportedly arose over White's desire for a new top-of-market contract. But Pro Football Focus grades say he hasn't been particularly good in any area outside of pass rushing. Fortunately, you can deliver fantasy numbers at linebacker without stellar performance. White's other three seasons have fallen well short of his position-leading 2020, but they all found him among the top-25 fantasy LBs (depending on your format).

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	TB	15	97	43	140	9.0	0	1	1	4	0
2021	TB	17	87	41	128	3.5	0	0	0	3	0
2022	TB	17	74	50	124	5.5	0	2	3	5	0

16 DRE GREENLAW
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-0
WT: 230
AGE: 26

Greenlaw got four more starts in 2022 than in any previous season and delivered the 12th-most fantasy points per game at the position (depending on your scoring). He beat teammate Fred Warner in solo tackles, despite playing two fewer games, and topped Warner 8.5 to 7.6 in total tackles per game. Greenlaw played well against both the pass and the run. He presents much more upside in coverage than as a pass rusher. His two-year extension last September showed the commitment to start Greenlaw through at least 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	SF	13	61	24	85	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
2021	SF	3	10	11	21	0.0	1	0	0	1	1
2022	SF	15	81	45	126	0.0	1	2	2	6	1

18 ISAIAH SIMMONS
ARIZONA CARDINALS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 6-4
WT: 238
AGE: 25

Simmons navigated early-season fluctuations in playing time to become a full-timer over the second half of 2022. That included more than 88 percent snap share in each of his final six games. But 2023 brings a new coaching staff, and the Cardinals have declined the fifth-year option (for 2024) on Simmons' rookie contract. He remains an elite athlete — even relative to other NFL players — and could fill a variety of roles. Watch late-summer reports, though, to see if Simmons struggles to solidify his spot.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	ARI	16	43	11	54	2.0	1	1	1	2	0
2021	ARI	17	70	35	105	1.5	1	4	0	7	0
2022	ARI	17	68	31	99	4.0	2	2	1	7	1

22 LAVONTE DAVID
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-1
WT: 233
AGE: 33

David had a shot at free agency but stuck with Tampa on a one-year deal. At 33, he's battling the clock. But David showed no signs of falling off last year. He doesn't rush the passer as much as he once did. But he played the second-most snaps of his career in 2022 and earned his second-best Pro Football Focus coverage grade. That's more telling than his fantasy-scoring average, which dropped to a career low in 2022. David doesn't sport the ceiling he once did, but he's at least a safe LB3.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2019	TB	16	82	41	123	1.0	1	3	1	7	0
2020	TB	16	82	35	117	1.5	1	3	2	6	0
2021	TB	12	63	34	97	2.0	0	2	1	3	0

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23 MICAH PARSONS
DALLAS COWBOYS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-3
WT: 245
AGE: 24

Parsons said in May that he was trying to gain weight this offseason to hold up through his expanded pass-rushing role. We'll see how that goes. But the focus on edge snaps is hurting his fantasy upside as a linebacker. According to Pro Football Focus numbers, Parsons went from rushing on 33.2 percent of his 2021 snaps to 54.3 percent last year. And it sounds like that could grow. Parsons has been excellent in that role. But playing the edge dramatically reduces his tackle opportunities. He's a better value at DL where eligible.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	DAL	16	64	20	84	13.0	0	3	0	3	0
2022	DAL	17	42	23	65	13.5	0	3	3	3	1

27 PETE WERNER
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-3
WT: 242
AGE: 24

Werner was scoring as an LB1 through eight games of his first season as a full-timer. But a Week 9 ankle injury effectively ended his season. Werner made it back for three limited outings but never got close to pre-injury form. Watch through the summer to make sure he's recapturing the early 2022 role. The former second-round pick should be a good bet for more than 80 percent weekly snap share. Werner did well on tackles last season, but there's likely untapped big-play potential either in coverage or as a blitzer.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	NO	15	36	23	59	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	NO	12	56	24	80	0.0	0	2	0	3	0

29 QUINCY WILLIAMS
NEW YORK JETS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 5-11
WT: 225
AGE: 27

Williams signed a new three-year, $18 million contract just ahead of free agency. That indicates we should trust the late-season playing time bump. Williams topped 80 percent snap share in five of the final six games. He also delivered 10 tackles in each of the final three games. Williams' scoring average languished in LB5 range for the season but ranked among the LB3 crew for the eight games in which he played at least 80 percent of snaps. He's a decent LB3 bet.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	JAC	7	5	4	9	0.0	0	0	0	1	0
2021	NYJ	16	74	37	111	2.0	0	3	0	5	0
2022	NYJ	15	74	32	106	3.0	0	0	0	1	0

24 DE'VONDRE CAMPBELL
GREEN BAY PACKERS

BYE WEEK: 6
HT: 6-3
WT: 232
AGE: 30

Campbell lost four games to a knee injury in 2022. But when healthy, he maintained the playing time lead over first-round rookie Quay Walker. Perhaps that changes in 2023. But Walker also trailed teammate Nakobe Dean in role and production at Georgia. And Campbell's hefty contract should keep him around through at least 2024. Perhaps more importantly, Campbell remained effective in his age-29 season. He has earned his two best Pro Football Focus coverage grades the past two years, helping his three-down profile.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	ARI	16	69	30	99	2.0	0	1	0	3	0
2021	GB	16	102	44	146	2.0	2	2	1	5	0
2022	GB	13	56	40	96	0.0	2	0	0	3	1

28 FRANKIE LUVU
CAROLINA PANTHERS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-3
WT: 235
AGE: 26

Did you know who Frankie Luvu was this time last year? He went from seven total starts through four seasons to full-timer and breakout producer in 2022. Only Maxx Crosby delivered more tackles for a loss than Luvu, despite the Panthers linebacker missing two games. Luvu did rush the passer a lot for a non-edge LB, trailing only Devin White in opportunities, according to Pro Football Focus. Those seven sacks helped him deliver the sixth-best LB scoring average. That dependence adds risk to his profile, though.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	NYJ	13	16	5	21	2.0	0	1	0	1	0
2021	CAR	16	18	16	34	1.5	0	0	3	1	0
2022	CAR	15	77	34	111	7.0	1	1	0	4	1

30 JACK CAMPBELL
DETROIT LIONS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-5
WT: 246
AGE: 23

Malcolm Rodriguez looked like a steal, starting 15 games as a sixth-round rookie last year. Alex Anzalone put up his best season to date, and Detroit rewarded him with a new contract. And still the Lions drafted Campbell 18th overall. That says they love the guy who led the FBS in tackles in 2021 and won the Butkus Award (nation's top LB) in 2022. Campbell backed up his production with an 80th-percentile speed score and 94th-percentile agility score among LBs at the NFL Scouting Combine.

25 ZAVEN COLLINS
ARIZONA CARDINALS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 6-4
WT: 260
AGE: 24

Collins opened offseason workouts with the edge group. New head coach Jonathan Gannon said at the time "we'll see" whether that holds, according to the team website. But the fact that they tried something new first means the new staff didn't see Collins as a great fit in his existing role. That adds risk to his 2023 outlook. The former first-round pick maintains upside across categories, though. Collins followed a highly disappointing rookie year by playing 97.6 percent of snaps in 2022. He showed ability in coverage and as a blitzer in college.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	ARI	17	13	12	25	0.0	0	0	0	3	0
2022	ARI	16	63	37	100	2.0	1	1	0	6	1

26 DEVIN LLOYD
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-3
WT: 235
AGE: 24

Lloyd endured a disappointing debut campaign that included ceding playing time to third-round classmate Chad Muma. A hamstring injury that cost Lloyd basically all of training camp and the preseason certainly didn't help. Head coach Doug Pederson expressed confidence in the former first-round pick this offseason. Lloyd flashed coverage chops with eight passes defended after a college career that included 15.5 sacks and 43 tackles for a loss. If he puts it together in Year 2, the ceiling might be top five.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2022	JAC	17	59	55	114	0.0	3	0	2	8	0

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01 DERWIN JAMES JR.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-2
WT: 215
AGE: 27

James lost basically the final five games of last season to injuries. He ranked second among defensive backs in fantasy points per game even with the two partial games from that range included. Take those out and he led the position. James leads the way here because of his versatility. He splits time among playing in the box, roaming in deep and covering the slot. James saw no change in pass-rushing reps under the new coaching staff in 2022. A healthier Chargers defense could increase big-play opportunities.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	LAC	DNP - INJURY									
2021	LAC	15	75	43	118	2.0	2	3	0	5	0
2022	LAC	14	64	51	115	4.0	2	2	0	6	0

02 L'JARIUS SNEED

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 6-1
WT: 192
AGE: 26

Sneed finished his third season as the No. 5 defensive back in fantasy points per game (depending on your format). He has spent all three of his seasons scoring across categories. Sneed led all corners in pass-rushing opportunities each of the past two years, with few players near him either time. That adds a big-play component most don't have. And Sneed doesn't sacrifice tackles or coverage plays. Playing primarily in the slot keeps Sneed in the middle of the action, helping his tackle floor.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	KC	9	31	10	41	2.0	3	0	0	7	0
2021	KC	15	57	19	76	1.0	2	1	1	8	0
2022	KC	17	75	33	108	3.5	3	3	1	11	0

03 JALEN PITRE

HOUSTON TEXANS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 5-11
WT: 198
AGE: 24

Pitre led the position in fantasy scoring as a rookie. The five INTs certainly helped. But he also tallied 14 more solo tackles than any other defensive back. And the next guy on the list was teammate Jonathan Owens, who has since been deposed. A weak linebacker corps certainly didn't hurt, as Pitre led Texans with 89 run tackles. But he also made 15 more solo stops on pass plays than any teammate. That versatility should keep him producing steadily even if (i.e. when) the INTs regress toward the mean.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2022	HOU	17	99	48	147	1.0	5	0	0	8	0

04 MINKAH FITZPATRICK

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

BYE WEEK: 6
HT: 6-1
WT: 207
AGE: 26

Only four players have more INTs than Fitzpatrick since he entered the league in 2018. Only two have more INTs since his first full starting season (2019). And no one among the top seven players in that category has as many tackles as Fitzpatrick. His tackle production has wavered across three-plus Pittsburgh seasons. But Fitzpatrick's remarkable consistency on coverage plays makes him worth targeting. No safety has more passes defended since Fitzpatrick entered the league. Only Justin Simmons has matched him.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	PIT	16	60	19	79	0.0	4	1	1	11	1
2021	PIT	16	84	40	124	0.0	2	1	1	7	0
2022	PIT	15	56	40	96	0.0	6	0	0	11	1

05 JUSTIN SIMMONS

DENVER BRONCOS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-2
WT: 202
AGE: 29

Simmons tied for the league interception lead despite missing five games in 2022. His third straight season of five INTs or more ties him for third in the league in total picks over that span. Each of the other three in that group is a cornerback. Simmons has been producing more big plays in coverage since 2019 — his fourth season — when Denver began shifting more of his snaps from in the box or slot to deep safety. Given the results, we wouldn't expect the new coaching staff to change him much.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	DEN	16	77	19	96	0.0	5	0	1	9	0
2021	DEN	17	60	20	80	1.5	5	0	0	12	0
2022	DEN	12	42	27	69	0.0	6	3	1	7	0

06 JAQUAN BRISKER

CHICAGO BEARS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-1
WT: 200
AGE: 24

Brisker tied for second in sacks among all DBs as a rookie. Don't bet on a repeat, though. According to Pro Football Focus, he tied for just 19th among safeties in pass-rush opportunities and tied for 16th at the position in total pressures. You can expect him to stay near the action on both run and pass plays, though. PFF's numbers had Brisker spending about 55 percent of his snaps in the box as a rookie. That might shift some after the Bears signed two starting linebackers in free agency. But expect a similar role.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2022	CHI	15	73	31	104	4.0	1	1	1	2	0

07 JEREMY CHINN
CAROLINA PANTHERS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-3
WT: 220
AGE: 25

Chinn told NFL Network in March that the arrival of free-agent S Vonn Bell would allow Chinn to play "closer to the line of scrimmage" in new coordinator Ejiro Evero's scheme. That'll be a nice reversal of 2022, when Chinn spent a career-low 25.4 percent of his snaps in the box. That helped knock his tackles per game down vs. his rookie year and produced a career low in the share of his snaps spent rushing the passer. Chinn's 2023 shift should make tackles easier to collect and present him more big-play opportunities.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CAR	15	68	49	117	1.0	1	2	2	5	2
2021	CAR	16	75	32	107	1.0	1	1	1	5	0
2022	CAR	11	50	19	69	1.0	0	0	0	6	0

08 DONOVAN WILSON
DALLAS COWBOYS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 6-0
WT: 204
AGE:

Year 4 finally brought Wilson's first full season as a starter, and he delivered a top-12 fantasy season. The position-leading five sacks helped and might be tough to reproduce. But Wilson also ranked sixth among DBs in solo tackles. He did so despite a second-half decrease in playing time. That would be worrisome if his snap shares hadn't rebounded in the playoffs (100 percent and 92 percent). The Cowboys also gave him a three-year deal ahead of free agency. That should lock in more consistent playing time.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	DAL	13	48	23	71	3.5	2	3	2	3	0
2021	DAL	9	17	12	29	0.0	0	0	0	1	0
2022	DAL	17	76	24	100	5.0	1	2	1	2	0

09 TALANOA HUFANGA
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-0
WT: 200
AGE: 23

In his first NFL starting turn, Hufanga carried over the big-play ability he flashed at the end of college. In a six-game 2020 shortened by COVID, the safety collected four INTs, 5.5 tackles for a loss, three sacks and two forced fumbles. He showed that ability to make plays around the line of scrimmage throughout college. The 49ers leveraged Hufanga's versatility by moving him all over in 2022. His time in the box increased at the end of the year (including the playoffs). More of that in 2023 could help his tackle numbers.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	SF	15	23	7	30	0.0	0.0	0	0	2	0
2022	SF	17	66	31	97	2.0	4	2	0	9	1

10 ANTOINE WINFIELD JR.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 5-9
WT: 203
AGE: 25

Winfield lost four games and parts of three others to a concussion and then an ankle injury in 2022. When healthy, though, he was his normal self — even improving slightly on his increased fantasy-scoring average of 2021. The Buccaneers shifted Winfield to primarily slot corner in 2022. That led to a career high in solo tackles per game. Winfield also delivered career highs in sacks, tackles for a loss and QB hits. Expect even more of those plays around the line of scrimmage if he stays healthy in 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	TB	16	64	30	94	3.0	1	2	1	6	0
2021	TB	13	62	26	88	2.0	2	2	3	6	0
2022	TB	13	64	16	80	4.0	1	1	0	3	0

11 RAYSHAWN JENKINS
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 6-1
WT: 200
AGE: 29

Jenkins' second season in Jacksonville produced the second-most fantasy points among DBs and a big jump over his previous scoring averages. Jenkins boosted his tackles and pass breakups. Volume helped, as the Jaguars went from fifth-fewest pass attempts faced in 2021 to seventh most last year. Jenkins' share snaps spent in coverage climbed about five percentage points vs. 2021. An ascending offense should produce more such game scripts and opportunities in 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	LAC	14	58	26	84	1.0	2	0	0	4	0
2021	JAC	14	49	17	66	0.0	0	0	0	3	0
2022	JAC	17	73	43	116	1.0	3	3	0	12	1

12 HARRISON SMITH
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-2
WT: 211
AGE: 34

Smith restructured his contract early this offseason to avoid a release. That indicates that the Vikings cared more about keeping him around than LB Eric Kendricks (released in March). Smith played more deep safety under last year's new coaching staff: up from 38.2 percent of his defensive snaps to 55.6 percent, according to Pro Football Focus numbers. That likely helped his INT total, but staying deep more will challenge his tackle numbers. That makes Smith more valuable in leagues that downplay tackle scoring.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	MIN	16	54	35	89	0.5	5	0	0	10	0
2021	MIN	15	83	31	114	3.0	1	1	0	7	0
2022	MIN	14	66	20	86	0.0	5	1	0	10	0

13 GRANT DELPIT
CLEVELAND BROWNS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-3
WT: 208
AGE: 24

Delpit played all but three defensive snaps for last year's Browns. His performance wavered, especially in coverage. Among 75 safeties who played at least 500 snaps, Pro Football Focus graded Delpit just 52nd in coverage. But he doesn't appear in danger of losing his spot. Cleveland released fellow safety John Johnson III and imported Juan Thornhill and Rodney McLeod. At 33, McLeod is likely a backup. Delpit should remain a versatile player with cross-category upside after a top-15 fantasy finish.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	CLE	15	43	23	66	1.0	1	1	0	3	0
2022	CLE	17	72	32	104	0.0	4	0	0	10	0

14 JORDAN POYER
BUFFALO BILLS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-0
WT: 191
AGE: 32

Poyer posted his lowest fantasy-scoring scoring average since 2016 last year. Injuries played a big part. He hyperextended an elbow in training camp. He sprained a foot in Week 2, injured his ribs in Week 4 and tore a meniscus in Week 15. The Bills allowed him to test free agency after the season, but the veteran returned on a two-year deal. That indicates that both sides see rebound potential. And why wouldn't they? His first five Bills seasons included four top-six fantasy finishes and one year at DB13 (depending on your scoring).

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	BUF	16	91	33	124	2.0	2	2	0	5	0
2021	BUF	16	66	27	93	3.0	5	0	0	9	0
2022	BUF	12	44	19	63	0.0	4	1	0	8	0

ANTOINE WINFIELD JR.

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19 KEVIN BYARD
TENNESSEE TITANS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 5-11
WT: 212
AGE: 30

Byard's six full starting seasons include two top-three fantasy finishes (2017 and 2021). The other four all found him in DB2 range. That's where Byard belongs. He exploded for a league-leading eight INTs in 2017 and scored two defensive TDs in 2021. Otherwise, Byard posts decent tackle numbers and brings as much INT upside as any player in the league. Improved play from Tennessee's young corners might allow Byard to roam more freely. Better health for Amani Hooker could affect the safety roles.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	TEN	16	79	32	111	0.0	1	1	0	7	0
2021	TEN	17	57	31	88	1.0	5	2	1	13	2
2022	TEN	17	69	39	108	0.0	4	0	0	6	0

20 JALEN THOMPSON
ARIZONA CARDINALS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 5-11
WT: 190
AGE: 25

The difference between Thompson's top-20 scoring average of 2021 and his barely top-40 average of 2022 shows the fragility of DB scoring. The difference between those two years for Thompson: basically 11 assists and two interceptions. Thompson increased his defensive playing time in 2022 and dramatically decreased his special-teams snaps. That backs up what his September extension told us about his role. More time at free safety, however, chips away at his tackle floor from 2021.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	ARI	5	16	3	19	0.0	0	0	0	1	0
2021	ARI	17	79	42	121	0.0	3	0	0	7	0
2022	ARI	17	79	31	110	0.0	1	0	1	8	0

15 BUDDA BAKER
ARIZONA CARDINALS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 5-10
WT: 195
AGE: 27

Baker's fantasy scoring didn't rebound all the way to his previous heights in 2023. But it did bounce back vs. 2022. What changed? The Cardinals apparently decided they had played him at deep safety too much in 2021. After a career high in snap share at that spot, he shifted back to spending more time in the box in 2022. Baker's stats and Pro Football Focus grades rebounded. He requested a trade early in the offseason, but that shouldn't affect his starter status. We're betting the new staff will keep him in the box.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	ARI	15	90	28	118	2.0	2	1	0	6	0
2021	ARI	17	63	35	98	2.0	3	0	1	7	0
2022	ARI	15	75	36	111	0.0	2	1	0	7	0

17 EDDIE JACKSON
CHICAGO BEARS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-0
WT: 206
AGE: 29

Jackson nearly matched his career high in fantasy points per game last season. Just like in 2018, an INT spike helped. But this time, he also set per-game highs in solos and assists. Jackson spent much more of his time at free safety under head coach Matt Eberflus than in the previous three years. His 2022 role actually got back to the split of 2018. The big question for 2023 will be the Lisfranc injury he suffered in Week 12. Jackson said he was ahead of schedule in March, but watch to make sure that his progress continues.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CHI	16	63	19	82	0.0	0	3	1	5	1
2021	CHI	14	54	22	76	0.0	0	1	0	2	0
2022	CHI	12	59	21	80	0.0	4	2	0	6	0

21 RASUL DOUGLAS
GREEN BAY PACKERS

BYE WEEK: 6
HT: 6-2
WT: 209
AGE: 28

Douglas has had an interesting first six years. He bounced from Philadelphia to Carolina to Arizona (practice squad) and then Green Bay. But he has now played at least 88.5 percent of snaps in his healthy games in three straight seasons. And the three-year contract the Packers gave him in March 2022 should keep Douglas starting through 2023. His two Green Bay seasons have each seen Douglas deliver top-13 scoring for the position. He's good enough to stay on the field but not good enough to discourage passing his way.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CAR	14	49	12	61	0.0	0	0	0	9	0
2021	GB	12	52	5	57	0.0	5	1	0	13	2
2022	GB	17	69	16	85	1.0	4	1	0	13	0

16 KYLE DUGGER
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-2
WT: 220
AGE: 27

Dugger's 2022 didn't see any playing-time increase vs. 2021 overall. But within the season, he got much closer to full-time over the second half. Dugger played fewer than 70 percent of defensive snaps in five of his first seven games. He then played 84 percent or more in seven of the final eight, including the last five in a row. Those added snaps came almost entirely in the box and gave him a second straight boost in fantasy points per game. Dugger climbed from top 20 to top 10 and should retain that role to open 2023.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	NE	13	43	21	64	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	NE	15	70	22	92	0.0	4	0	1	5	0
2022	NE	15	50	28	78	1.0	3	1	1	8	3

18 RICHIE GRANT
ATLANTA FALCONS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-0
WT: 200
AGE: 25

Grant played all but five of Atlanta's defensive snaps in 2022. His role evolved, though. Primarily a free safety to open the year, Grant shifted more of those snaps to the box and nickel corner over the second half. That helped him climb from 6.4 tackles per game over the first eight weeks to 8.0 over the final nine. The March signing of S Jessie Bates III is expected to help keep Grant in a similar role for 2023. That should keep the tackle numbers up. And Grant's 10 INTs over three college starting seasons indicate upside.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	ATL	16	23	6	29	0.0	0	1	1	2	0
2022	ATL	17	70	53	123	0.0	2	1	1	7	0

22 XAVIER MCKINNEY
NEW YORK GIANTS

BYE WEEK: 13
HT: 6-0
WT: 201
AGE: 24

A bye-week hand injury ended McKinney's third season, leaving us still wondering about his role. McKinney's split among deep safety and elsewhere has differed across his three seasons. After spending most of his time at deep safety in Year 2, he was on pace for less in 2022. The Giants added basically nothing at safety in the offseason and let 2022 starter Julian Love walk. McKinney's positional versatility, high Round 2 draft capital (in 2020) and cross-category college production make him worth betting on at this level.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	NYG	6	14	11	25	0.0	1	0	0	1	0
2021	NYG	17	59	34	93	0.0	5	0	0	10	1
2022	NYG	9	29	16	45	1.0	0	1	0	5	0

23 C.J. GARDNER-JOHNSON
DETROIT LIONS

BYE WEEK: 9
HT: 5-11
WT: 208
AGE: 25

Gardner-Johnson lost five games and nearly all of a sixth to a lacerated kidney late last year. And he still managed to tie for the league interception lead. He also returned to full playing time for the final four games (playoffs included) immediately after returning from the injury. Expect the playing time to remain high in Detroit, which has been looking for playmakers in the secondary. Gardner-Johnson's role shifted from mostly slot corner in New Orleans to mostly free safety in Philly. We'll see about his Lions alignment.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	NO	15	52	14	66	1.0	1	0	0	13	0
2021	NO	12	32	14	46	2.0	3	0	0	7	0
2022	PHI	13	61	6	67	1.0	6	0	0	8	0

24 JAMAL ADAMS
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

BYE WEEK: 5
HT: 6-1
WT: 213
AGE: 27

A Week 1 quad injury ended Adams' 2022. In February, head coach Pete Carroll called it a "difficult recovery." Adams' situation bears watching throughout the offseason and training camp. If he can make it all the way back, we know he's an upside athlete. Expect less pass rushing than in his first Seattle season. That role already got halved in 2021. But Adams remains heavily involved in the box and sees a fair number of slot snaps. When healthy, he'll be near the action and at least a good bet for tackles.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	SEA	12	59	24	83	9.5	0	1	0	3	0
2021	SEA	12	56	31	87	0.0	2	0	0	5	0
2022	SEA	1	3	0	3	0.0	0	0	0	1	0

25 JEVON HOLLAND
MIAMI DOLPHINS

BYE WEEK: 10
HT: 6-1
WT: 210
AGE: 23

Holland has played his two seasons under different coaching staffs. We know that he's a free safety. Each staff played him primarily deep, which shouldn't surprise you. That's how he hit the league early in Round 2 of the 2021 draft, after nine INTs over his two college seasons. Holland saw his pass-rushing opportunities halved from 2021 to 2022, though. That also shouldn't surprise. Having your free safety blitz a lot seems suboptimal. Jalen Ramsey's arrival should boost the secondary and help Holland's big-play chances.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	MIA	16	48	21	69	2.5	2	0	0	10	0
2022	MIA	17	77	19	96	1.5	2	1	0	7	0

26 KENNY MOORE II
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 5-9
WT: 190
AGE: 28

Moore heads into the final year of his contract coming off his toughest year as a Colt. His disappointing stats represent a dip in play that he said led to "tough talks" with coordinator Gus Bradley and the team fielding trade offers. Indy kept Moore, though, despite the opportunity to clear cap space by dealing or releasing him. That indicates the team believes he can bounce back. The slot corner had been one of the safest bets for fantasy production (tackles and coverage) over the previous four years

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	IND	16	68	12	80	2.0	4	1	0	13	1
2021	IND	17	82	20	102	1.0	4	1	0	13	0
2022	IND	12	50	15	65	1.0	0	0	0	4	0

27 JESSIE BATES III
ATLANTA FALCONS

BYE WEEK: 11
HT: 6-1
WT: 200
AGE: 26

Bates got his big free-agent deal from Atlanta after fighting the Bengals over money the previous two seasons. He's set to man the free safety spot primarily, leaving Richie Grant to roam nearer to the line and at nickel corner. Bates' tackles fell off in 2022, but his role remained the same. He's at his best in center field and has picked off three passes or more in four of five seasons. Tackle volume might be tough with Atlanta's clock-eating offensive style. But Bates' value leans heavily on big plays.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CIN	16	78	31	109	0.0	3	1	0	15	0
2021	CIN	15	67	21	88	0.0	1	0	1	4	0
2022	CIN	16	38	33	71	0.0	4	1	0	8	0

28 KAMREN CURL
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 6-2
WT: 198
AGE: 24

Curl tallied the eighth-most tackles per game among defensive backs in 2022. He did so despite splitting five games lost to injury between the beginning and end of the season. Curl looks likely to retain his role in an evolving Washington secondary. That role has shed pass-rushing opportunities the past two years, but Curl has improved in run defense and coverage. The big question will be whether Curl plays deep more often in 2023. He worked primarily in the box last year.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	WAS	16	63	25	88	2.0	3	0	0	4	1
2021	WAS	16	62	37	99	1.0	0	0	1	5	0
2022	WAS	12	58	25	83	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

29 VONN BELL
CAROLINA PANTHERS

BYE WEEK: 7
HT: 5-11
WT: 205
AGE: 28

Bell spent more time in the box than deep last year and in each of his three Cincinnati seasons. That split shrank over the past two years. And it might continue moving toward more deep duty in Carolina. Bell's signing is expected to free Jeremy Chinn to work in the box more. That said, Xavier Woods returns as even more of a free safety. Bell's main issue might be a crowded defense that includes decent linebackers. Can he get enough tackle and big-play opportunities to pay off? The risk is minimal this late.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2020	CIN	16	67	46	113	0.0	0	3	2	5	0
2021	CIN	16	64	33	97	0.5	1	3	1	8	0
2022	CIN	16	54	23	77	1.0	4	2	1	8	0

30 DARRICK FORREST
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

BYE WEEK: 14
HT: 5-11
WT: 200
AGE: 24

Forrest will bear watching through the summer. He emerged as the big-play guy for last year's Washington secondary. He played well enough in relief of Kamren Curl that Washington implemented three-safety alignments even after everyone was healthy. Round 2 pick Jartavius "Quan" Martin stands as a potential challenger. He's reportedly pushing for the starting slot position. That might not affect Forrest's status. But the whole situation will be worth watching to see who emerges in which roles.

Year	Team	GP	Solo	Assists	Total Tkls	Sacks	INT	FF	FR	PD	TD
2021	WAS	8	1	2	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	WAS	17	56	32	88	0.0	4	2	1	9	0

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STEFON DIGGS

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AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Who will emerge as the No. 2 WR option behind Stefon Diggs?

Sounds funny to say, but last season's No. 2, Gabe Davis, is most likely to "emerge" in this same role. It's all up to Davis. He had 93 targets to Diggs' 154 and responded with career highs in catches (48) and yards (836). Where Davis fell short of expectations was his career-worst 51.6 catch percentage. He has the size, skills and experience to be better. The Bills are high on second-year man Khalil Shakir, but he's not ready for No. 2 status. Same for free agents Trent Sherfield and Deonte Harty, career role players.

How do the Bills plan to use Damien Harris?

At 213 pounds, Harris is the bigger-bodied ball-carrier Buffalo has lacked. That offers a nice change-of-pace option to James Cook, who slides into the featured back role with the departure of Devin Singletary. Short-yardage and goal-line work from Harris will keep the wear off Cook. Harris scored 15 rushing TDs for New England in 2021.

If the Bills place a renewed emphasis on their running game, will Josh Allen be able to remain a top-three fantasy QB?

Reining in Allen's competitive juices is easier said than done, so absolutely he'll remain a fantasy darling. During his five seasons, he has averaged 109 carries, 617 yards, and 7.6 TDs rushing per year, contributing greatly to his fantasy value. Those numbers could trend down, but if so, not by much. Allen will still be Allen.

—Leo Roth, Freelance Writer

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Josh Allen	462.4
RB	Damien Harris	159.3
	James Cook	116.1
	Nyheim Hines	31.2
WR	Stefon Diggs	255.4
	Gabe Davis	174.8
	Khalil Shakir	95.7
	Deonte Hardy	79.7
TE	Dalton Kincaid (R)	97.2
	Dawson Knox	72.2
K	Tyler Bass	153.0

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TUA TAGOVAILOA

MIAMI DOLPHINS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Can Tua Tagovailoa be trusted to play an entire season?

It's something that you may not want to believe until you see it. He hasn't proven that he can do it yet. He is taking measures toward improving his chances, though, by strengthening his body in the offseason, taking jiu-jitsu to fall in ways that protect him better. He might also opt for the NFL's new protective quarterback helmet. If you draft Tagovailoa, you may want to make sure to use a bench spot on another viable fantasy quarterback.

Can Jaylen Waddle remain a top-10 option along with Tyreek Hill?

Both should be viewed as top-10 fantasy options at receiver again. The two will get a large share of the team's targets in the passing game, and maybe head coach Mike McDaniel even gets creative with them in the run game, like he did with Deebo Samuel in San Francisco. Miami's loss of tight end Mike Gesicki could also free up more touchdown opportunities in the red zone for Hill and Waddle.

Who will emerge as the lead RB in the Miami backfield? Will he see enough action to be a viable fantasy starter?

Until further notice, you might want to give Raheem Mostert the benefit of the doubt as the veteran tailback most familiar with McDaniel's run game who is also coming off a career-high 891 rushing yards in 2022, the most healthy season of his career. Rookie Devon Achane could emerge as the most productive option by season's end. Jeff Wilson Jr. will likely take goal-line carries away from both. With that three-way split in the backfield, it's best not to count on any as a fantasy starter to begin the season.

—David Furones, *Sun Sentinel*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Tua Tagovailoa	329.6
	Mike White	41.7
RB	Devon Achane (R)	135.6
	Jeff Wilson Jr.	115.2
	Raheem Mostert	73.9
WR	Tyreek Hill	283.1
	Jaylen Waddle	211.2
	Braxton Berrios	77.0
TE	Durham Smythe	48.1
K	Jason Sanders	135.0

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TAGOVAILOA: SAM NAVARRO/USA TODAY SPORTS

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

RHAMONDRE STEVENSON

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

With Damien Harris gone, can Rhamondre Stevenson emerge as a top-five fantasy RB?

Absolutely. In fact, Stevenson probably already is one after collecting 1,461 yards from scrimmage and six touchdowns in 2022. He also had 69 receptions. Stevenson is one of those rare breeds who seems to get stronger as the game goes on, and he thrives on contact. If nobody else emerges as a third-down option, the sure-handed Stevenson will get even more touches this fall.

Do you expect Mac Jones to be on a short leash? Is he in danger of losing his job to Bailey Zappe?

Jones will need to fight to keep his spot atop the depth chart this summer, but it's a battle he should win. His leash won't be short, but it won't be infinite, either. Jones needs to make strides in the pocket but also on the sideline and in the locker room. Quarterbacks need to be natural leaders. Being fiery is a good thing; being pouty is not. Jones' sideline demeanor will be a key for the Patriots this season. Expect the threat of Zappe being at the ready to keep Jones on his best behavior (in all areas) in 2023.

Who will emerge as the Patriots' leading receiver?

JuJu Smith-Schuster. An extra-large slot receiver, Smith-Schuster has a quick release off the line, sure hands and exquisite moves after the catch. With other short-area options that defenses must respect (most notably tight ends Mike Gesicki and Hunter Henry), teams cannot afford to double Smith-Schuster, which should allow him to build a quick rapport with Jones. That will translate to lots of catches and lots of points.

—Jim McBride, *Boston Globe*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Mac Jones	304.5
RB	Rhamondre Stevenson	221.4
	James Robinson	59.5
	Pierre Strong Jr.	50.0
WR	JuJu Smith-Schuster	154.5
	DeVante Parker	94.5
	Kendrick Bourne	93.3
	Tyquan Thornton	91.4
TE	Hunter Henry	119.7
	Mike Gesicki	80.9
K	Chad Ryland (R)	148.0

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AARON RODGERS

NEW YORK JETS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

What do you expect from Aaron Rodgers in his first season as a Jet?

Big things — presuming he stays healthy. He dealt with a broken thumb for most of last season. And his offensive supporting cast with the Jets will be better than what he had in Green Bay — led by Garrett Wilson. It would be silly right now to say Rodgers is declining just because he had a subpar year in 2022. He was the NFL's MVP the previous two seasons for a reason.

Can Garrett Wilson improve upon his rookie success and be a top-10 fantasy wide receiver?

Absolutely. Wilson had an excellent rookie season (83 catches, 1,103 yards, four touchdowns) with Zach Wilson as his quarterback. It would be a massive understatement to say the Jets are making an upgrade going from Wilson to Rodgers. Throughout his career, Rodgers has elevated less talented receivers than Wilson. So just imagine how much he will boost Wilson's production in 2023 — especially in the touchdowns department.

Who will emerge as the No. 2 receiver?

Rodgers' comfort with former Packers teammate Allen Lazard makes Lazard the clear favorite. Plus, it's not like Corey Davis and Denzel Mims have done much of anything with the Jets to show that they're going to be consistently reliable targets for Rodgers — who, again, arrives with an already-high level of rapport with the newly signed Lazard, who got $22 million fully guaranteed.

—Darryl Slater, *NJ Advance Media*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Aaron Rodgers	329.2
	Zach Wilson	10.5
RB	Breece Hall	194.2
	Michael Carter	88.9
	Zonovan Knight	48.7
	Israel Abanikanda (R)	30.7
WR	Garrett Wilson	207.2
	Allen Lazard	163.3
	Mecole Hardman Jr.	117.0
	Corey Davis	107.2
TE	Tyler Conklin	102.4
K	Greg Zuerlein	156.0

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BALTIMORE RAVENS

LAMAR JACKSON

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

After back-to-back injury-shortened seasons, do you think Lamar Jackson will run less often in 2023?

It seems likely, though it's worth noting that Jackson's injuries occurred on passing plays. With the addition of Odell Beckham Jr., Nelson Agholor and first-round draft pick Zay Flowers to Rashod Bateman, Devin Duvernay and All-Pro tight end Mark Andrews, the Ravens have the most explosive passing attack in Jackson's six seasons in Baltimore. New offensive coordinator Todd Monken figures to be more pass-happy than run-first Greg Roman. Still, the potential for magic exists every time Jackson takes off. The Ravens would be foolish to completely get away from that.

What kind of production can we expect from Odell Beckham Jr.?

Beckham is 30 and coming off a major knee injury, but the Ravens aren't paying him $15 million to sit on the bench. With a lot of weapons and only one ball, Beckham might not see 26 percent of his team's targets, as he did playing for Monken in Cleveland in 2019, especially since tight end Mark Andrews has always been Lamar Jackson's favorite target. But 750 yards and six touchdowns seem achievable.

Will this be a breakout season for J.K. Dobbins, or will the Ravens run the ball less with new offensive coordinator Todd Monken?

Can both be true? The Ravens are almost certain to run the ball less, but Dobbins has made clear that he wants the ball in key situations (read: goal-line). If there's an element to Dobbins' game that could break out, it's receiving. In his previous NFL stops, Monken has usually had a running back top 40 targets. Dobbins is dangerous when he gets the ball in space, and Monken will find more ways for that to happen.

—Bo Smolka, *PressBox*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Lamar Jackson**	379.3
	Tyler Huntley	36.9
RB	**J.K. Dobbins**	192.8
	Gus Edwards	55.9
	Justice Hill	36.5
WR	**Rashod Bateman**	141.6
	Odell Beckham Jr.	121.5
	Zay Flowers (R)	95.0
TE	**Mark Andrews**	207.9
	Isaiah Likely	47.0
K	**Justin Tucker**	158.0

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JOE BURROW

CINCINNATI BENGALS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Joe Burrow was fourth in fantasy scoring among quarterbacks in 2022. Will he be a top-three QB in 2023?

Fourth seems about right for Burrow, who can pick up yards on the ground when he needs to but doesn't utilize that skill set the same way other top fantasy quarterbacks do. A better offensive line, in theory, should mean Burrow will need to use his feet even less in 2023. Perhaps the best way Burrow can inch into the top three is if he's able to cut down on his interceptions (26 over the past two seasons). Otherwise, there's nothing wrong with No. 4 fantasy production.

Samaje Perine saw plenty of action last season. Now that he's gone, does that mean more work for Joe Mixon, or will someone else step up?

The Bengals did little to address the running back position after Perine's departure, which is as good of a sign as any that the team believes Mixon can bounce back from a so-so 2022 campaign. Still, an expanded workload might not mean all that much when it comes to improving Mixon's fantasy stats. It'll be hard to match the 60 receptions and seven rushing touchdowns he collected in 2022.

What kind of production do you expect from TE Irv Smith Jr.?

This is definitely worthy of a wait-and-see approach. Yes, the Bengals got career years out of C.J. Uzomah and Hayden Hurst before they left for new teams in free agency. The same is likely to occur for Smith, who has yet to hit 400 receiving yards in a season. It'd be premature to expect a boom in production from Smith while playing in an offense with so many other options.

—*Athlon Sports*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Joe Burrow**	423.1
RB	**Joe Mixon**	230.4
	Chase Brown (R)	53.1
	Chris Evans	42.1
WR	**Ja'Marr Chase**	271.0
	Tee Higgins	220.8
	Tyler Boyd	126.4
TE	**Irv Smith Jr.**	100.7
K	**Evan McPherson**	152.0

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CLEVELAND BROWNS

DESHAUN WATSON

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Does Deshaun Watson look like he can return to his 2020 form, when he passed for 4,823 yards and 33 touchdowns?

We saw glimpses of the talent last year, but only glimpses. The Browns want to let Watson throw on the run — both by design and by improvisation — and they believe they've improved the overall explosiveness of the receiving corps. Yes, Watson can return to form and have a big fantasy season. He needs to improve his pocket presence to fully re-establish himself as one of the league's best.

With Kareem Hunt gone, will Nick Chubb see more carries, or will someone else play a prominent No. 2 RB role?

The Browns generally scripted early-game snaps for Chubb and Hunt. Expect some version of that, and though Jerome Ford must prove himself as an NFL runner and pass-catcher, the team has high hopes. The Browns aren't afraid to use Chubb for 25-plus carries in the right situation, but given the shift to more of an open offense and the team's past plan to keep Chubb fresh, Ford makes for a high-upside fantasy addition.

What does Amari Cooper have to do to reach elite level?

Cooper is elite. He's not as explosive as he was six years ago, but he's still a precise route runner who has excellent feel for the defense and the rare ability to find the ball in traffic. For Cooper to put up elite fantasy numbers, he needs Watson to be on his game, and he needs more chances down the field. Cooper was battlinga hip injury in December, so his game reps with Watson last season were limited.

—Zac Jackson, *The Athletic*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Deshaun Watson	378.0
RB	Nick Chubb	231.3
	Jerome Ford	55.7
WR	Amari Cooper	195.3
	Elijah Moore	121.0
	Donovan Peoples-Jones	117.8
TE	David Njoku	136.2
K	Cade York	134.0

EFP= Expected Fantasy Points

KENNY PICKETT

CHARLES LECLAIRE/USA TODAY SPORTS

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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After he failed to score a touchdown last season, what do you expect from Diontae Johnson in 2023?

Johnson's inability to crack the end zone wasn't for a lack of trying. He had double-digit targets in eight games last season, including five of the final seven. The volume should be there again, which makes Johnson someone you'd like to have in a PPR league. If he's able to maintain that volume — and he should — then it's worth believing that Johnson will crack the end zone a few times in 2023.

Can Najee Harris return to his rookie form, or will he struggle as he did in 2022?

The Steelers continue to improve their offensive line, and the latest upgrades should, in theory, make things a little easier for Harris. The long-term concern from a fantasy perspective, though, is Harris' role in the Steelers passing attack. Harris — who benefited greatly from Ben Roethlisberger's propensity to check down in his final NFL season — had 33 fewer receptions in 2022. If Harris' role in the passing game looks more like Year 2 than Year 1, it's probably safe to consider Harris a good, but not great, fantasy option.

What numbers do you project for Kenny Pickett in his first full season as starter?

Though he showed a number of promising flashes as a rookie, Pickett should be considered a middle-of-the-road depth option until further notice. It's just hard to get excited about a player who threw more interceptions (nine) than touchdowns (seven) when there are so many other proven options at the position. That said, Pickett should and will be better in his second NFL season, and his rushing ability (237 yards, three TDs in 2022) shouldn't be overlooked. It's just a wait-and-see proposition.

—*Athlon Sports*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Kenny Pickett	304.7
	Mitch Trubisky	17.4
RB	Najee Harris	197.3
	Jaylen Warren	107.9
WR	Diontae Johnson	175.6
	George Pickens	148.1
	Allen Robinson II	75.1
TE	Pat Freiermuth	140.5
K	Chris Boswell	132.0

EFP= Expected Fantasy Points

HOUSTON TEXANS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

What can we expect from C.J. Stroud this season?

The Texans needed a quarterback with precision and a knack for good decision-making. Stroud called himself a "ball placement specialist" at the NFL Scouting Combine, and the Texans should expect him to maintain the accuracy that made him a two-time Heisman Trophy finalist at Ohio State. There isn't much established firepower on the roster, but Stroud should break the team's rookie record for passing touchdowns (19) while keeping his interception total down.

With the signing of free agents Devin Singletary and Mike Boone, what kind of workload can we expect from second-year RB Dameon Pierce?

Pierce exited the season after 13 games with a high ankle sprain, and he still finished with 55.3 percent of the team's rushing attempts. Pierce will still be the team's go-to running back. But expect new Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans to manage Pierce, Singletary and Boone in the same way that the 49ers spread out snaps with Christian McCaffrey, Jeff Wilson Jr. and Elijah Mitchell last season. That won't preclude Pierce from being a 1,000-yard rusher. But he shouldn't get near 250 carries again.

What role will second-year WR John Metchie III play after missing his rookie season while dealing with cancer?

It would be too much to expect Metchie to become Houston's leading receiver after spending the 2022 season battling leukemia. But he was a full participant for the team's voluntary minicamp in early May, and if all things go well, he should start for the Texans in 2023. He's a dynamic receiver who can play inside and outside, and if he's indeed back to his full former self, there could be major upside.

—Brooks Kubena, *Houston Chronicle*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**C.J. Stroud (R)**	258.3
RB	**Dameon Pierce**	169.5
	Devin Singletary	129.7
WR	**Nico Collins**	143.6
	Robert Woods	131.1
	John Metchie III	88.9
TE	**Dalton Schultz**	101.4
K	**Ka'imi Fairbairn**	130.0

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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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What can we expect from RB Jonathan Taylor this season?

Expect a healthy Taylor to contribute about 1,500 rushing yards and double-digit touchdowns. He's probably not going to put up numbers like in 2021, when he led the NFL with 1,811 rushing yards and scored 18 TDs. A lingering ankle injury that cost him six games is a reminder that it's wise to spread the workload to keep the top back fresh.

Who will be the Colts' No. 2 WR — Alec Pierce or Isaiah McKenzie?

McKenzie does possess his share of speed and experience. Don't be surprised if Pierce gets his work outside and McKenzie is used in the slot, where he can go in motion and run different routes to stretch defenses. Pierce had an OK rookie year, but from a fantasy perspective, I like the idea of McKenzie improving his numbers this season. The Colts are thin at receiver after Michael Pittman Jr., and they need a reliable No. 2 option. While Pierce will get his share of targets, I expect McKenzie to thrive in the slot.

Which tight end will be the top pass-catching option, and what kind of numbers should we expect?

Jelani Woods is the big-play guy the Colts want on the field because he stretches the middle and is an ideal end zone target. This is a make-or-break year for Mo Alie-Cox, who has had some big games but hasn't lived up to his three-year, $18 million extension signed before last season.

—Phillip Wilson, Freelance Writer

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Anthony Richardson (R)**	260.4
	Gardner Minshew	105.9
RB	**Jonathan Taylor**	267.0
	Zack Moss	39.6
WR	**Michael Pittman Jr.**	181.7
	Alec Pierce	126.0
	Isaiah McKenzie	21.8
TE	**Jelani Woods**	97.0
K	**Matt Gay**	145.0

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JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

TREVOR LAWRENCE

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What kind of numbers do you expect from Trevor Lawrence?

Lawrence passed for 4,113 yards with 25 touchdowns and eight interceptions in 2022, throwing 15 touchdowns and two interceptions in the last nine games. With Lawrence more comfortable in head coach Doug Pederson's system, look for him to be more consistent and to be up around 32 to 35 touchdown passes with seven to nine interceptions.

Can Travis Etienne Jr. handle an increased workload, or will he share carries with rookie Tank Bigsby?

Etienne rushed for 1,125 yards and five touchdowns in 2022, averaging about 14 carries per game. The Jaguars don't want the explosive Etienne (5-foot-10, 215 pounds) to get too close to 20 carries per game, so an average of 15 to 16 carries is probably about right. Bigsby provides an excellent short-yardage, change-of-pace option.

How quickly will Calvin Ridley be integrated into the offense after sitting out last season?

Ridley hasn't played football since October 2021, so this answer is a bit of a guess. He reportedly is in great shape. The Jaguars offense didn't hit its full stride until about midway through last season — or about when Lawrence developed chemistry with wide receivers Christian Kirk and Zay Jones and tight end Evan Engram. Ridley figures to achieve a similar comfort level with Lawrence around that same point this season.

—John Oehser, *jaguars.com*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Trevor Lawrence	379.2
RB	Travis Etienne Jr.	196.2
	Tank Bigsby (R)	104.3
WR	Christian Kirk	196.1
	Calvin Ridley	183.3
	Zay Jones	151.7
TE	Evan Engram	132.7
K	Riley Patterson	146.0

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DERRICK HENRY

TENNESSEE TITANS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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Can we expect another 300-plus carries from Derrick Henry, or is this the year he slows down?

Henry's production (yards per carry, explosive runs) has fallen slightly the last couple seasons. In addition, the Titans drafted Tulane running back Tyjae Spears (229 carries for 1,581 yards and 19 TDs last season) in the third round, so it's fair to assume he'll get some action. Still, the Titans' passing game doesn't appear to be too threatening, so I'll guess that Henry finishes around 300 carries in 2023.

Do you expect to see Will Levis starting at QB this season?

All the early signs point to veteran Ryan Tannehill serving as the team's starter for a fifth straight season. Titans head coach Mike Vrabel made it clear following the draft that Levis was third on the depth chart, behind Tannehill and Malik Willis. It's also worth noting that, in April, the 34-year-old Tannehill showed up for the team's first voluntary OTA session. If the season goes south for the Titans, maybe they'll decide to give Levis some experience. But at present, he looks like a prospect who needs some polish and refinement.

How much do you expect to see TE Chigoziem Okonkwo used in the passing game?

The Titans are never going to be confused for a team that relies heavily on the passing attack. But given Okonkwo's progress as an explosive option last year — and considering the lack of options at wide receiver — expect plenty of opportunities for the Maryland alum. He recorded 24 of his 32 catches over the last seven games last season, and — per Pro Football Focus — he led all tight ends who had at least 30 catches with a 7.8-yard average after the catch and a 2.61-yard average per route run.

—John Glennon, *Nashville Post*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Ryan Tannehill	256.5
	Will Levis (R)	33.0
RB	Derrick Henry	228.9
	Tyjae Spears (R)	89.2
	Hassan Haskins	27.6
WR	Treylon Burks	185.1
	Nick Westbrook-Ikhine	84.6
	Kyle Philips	80.4
TE	Chigoziem Okonkwo	121.5
K	Caleb Shudak	131.0

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LAWRENCE: DENNY MEDLEY; HENRY: COREY PERRINE/USA TODAY SPORTS

DENVER BRONCOS

RUSSELL WILSON

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What kind of season should we expect from Russell Wilson after his disastrous showing in 2022? Will the coaching change have a positive effect?

Wilson will improve under new head coach Sean Payton after posting career lows in touchdowns (16) and completion percentage (60.5) in his first season in Denver with a huge contract. Given his age, noticeable decline and the team's emphasis on the run, expectations should remain somewhat modest compared to previous seasons — 28 touchdowns, 10 picks and 375 rushing yards feels about right for Wilson's bounce-back season.

Who will be Denver's No. 1 wide receiver this season, Jerry Jeudy or Courtland Sutton?

Jeudy earned the No. 1 status by delivering 523 yards and three touchdowns over the final six games in 2022. Meanwhile, Sutton has only two touchdowns over his past 26 games. Even with the return of Tim Patrick, Jeudy should finish with about 1,200 yards and eight touchdowns.

What is the health status of running back Javonte Williams, and what should we expect from him?

Fantasy expectations for Williams must be tempered. He is returning from a torn ACL and other damage in his knee. He might not play until October, and even after his return, Denver is likely to ease him into action, making Samaje Perine the workhorse the first few months.

—Troy Renck, *ABC Denver 7*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Russell Wilson	320.2
	Jarrett Stidham	18.3
RB	Javonte Williams	165.1
	Samaje Perine	114.1
	Tyler Badie	29.7
WR	Jerry Jeudy	186.2
	Courtland Sutton	148.7
	Tim Patrick	127.2
	Marvin Mims Jr. (R)	63.6
TE	Greg Dulcich	123.9
K	Brandon McManus	144.0

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

ISIAH PACHECO

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Do you expect Isiah Pacheco to emerge as the workhorse back for Kansas City?

By last season's end, Pacheco and Jerick McKinnon were playing roughly equal snaps — a trend that seems likely to continue in 2023. Pacheco will continue to see early-down reps, with McKinnon featuring more heavily in pass sets, given his receiving and pass-protection prowess.

Who will emerge as the leading WR for the Chiefs?

Go ahead and book Marquez Valdes-Scantling for around 40 receptions and 650 yards with a handful of touchdowns. Skyy Moore also will take on a bigger role with the departures of JuJu Smith-Schuster and Mecole Hardman Jr. via free agency. Second-round pick Rashee Rice could have some big games and surprising touchdown production. A strong contender? Kadarius Toney — with the caveat that he must stay healthy. Toney could emerge as Patrick Mahomes' favorite and most productive WR target with a full offseason to absorb Andy Reid's offense.

At 33, will Travis Kelce produces his eighth straight 1,000-yard season?

Kelce's production tends to dip slightly in odd-numbered years after otherworldly even-numbered years — like his 110-catch, 1,338-yard, 12-touchdown 2022 season. But Kelce, who turns 34 in October, has aged like fine wine and still has enough tread on the tires to crank out another 1,000-yard season. The Chiefs know that Kelce, who has been remarkably durable since a knee injury cost him his rookie season, needs to manage his reps to protect his body. They also know how critical the future Hall of Famer is to the offense, so for now he shows no signs of slowing — and Kansas City will be careful to keep it that way.

—Tod Palmer, *KSHB-TV*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Patrick Mahomes	452.7
RB	Isiah Pacheco	170.2
	Jerick McKinnon	94.1
	Clyde Edwards-Helaire	39.0
WR	Skyy Moore	159.5
	Kadarius Toney	154.5
	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	89.5
	Rashee Rice (R)	66.5
TE	Travis Kelce	247.3
K	Harrison Butker	149.0

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LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

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What can Josh Jacobs do for an encore to his career year in 2022?

Jacobs is an interesting case. There is an argument to be made that the Raiders would be better off by reducing his usage in order to preserve him for end-of-game and end-of-season situations. Therefore, reaching the 1,653 yards and 340 carries he achieved last year is a bit ambitious. Expect second-year running back Zamir White to have an expanded role, which will cut into Jacobs' numbers but probably leave him in a much better place, physically. Reduce the carries to 280 and the yards to 1,350.

What kind of production do you expect from new Raiders starting quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo?

It all depends on his health, but if we are being optimistic and Garoppolo plays all 17 games, it would not be a surprise if Garoppolo threw for 4,000 yards and 32 touchdowns given the talent he has around him and the understanding he has of the Josh McDaniels offense. Again, health is the biggest issue with Garoppolo, but the talent is there. As is the supporting cast.

Who will be the Raiders' No. 2 WR behind Davante Adams — Hunter Renfrow or Jakobi Meyers?

Well, first off, don't sleep on tight end Michael Mayer being the biggest of the numbers guys behind Adams. In terms of the receivers, it really feels like Meyers has such a grasp on the offense that he will be the odds-on-favorite to slide behind Adams in terms of sheer numbers.

—Vincent Bonsignore, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Jimmy Garoppolo	290.3
RB	Josh Jacobs	248.3
	Zamir White	49.5
	Ameer Abdullah	44.0
WR	Davante Adams	231.8
	Jakobi Meyers	132.3
	Hunter Renfrow	99.5
TE	Michael Mayer (R)	81.7
	Austin Hooper	46.8
K	Daniel Carlson	166.0

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LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

What kind of effect will Austin Ekeler's contract situation have on his workload this season?

Very little, but expect Ekeler to get fewer touches this season compared to the past two years, which was probably the plan before the dynamic running back wanted out of L.A. The 5-foot-10 Ekeler and the Chargers know his body probably can't withstand another season with 200-plus carries and 100-plus targets. But the efficient Ekeler might be the one running back who can do more with less, and the Chargers need him to be fresh for a potential postseason appearance.

Justin Herbert threw 25 TD passes last year after averaging 34.5 his first two seasons. Which number will he come closer to in 2023?

Herbert had a down year for his lofty standards because he played most of the season with cracked ribs and without wide receiver Keenan Allen and left tackle Rashawn Slater because of injuries. With a full supporting cast, Herbert is set to have career highs across the board with the arrival of new offensive coordinator Kellen Moore, who turned the Cowboys into one of the best statistical offenses in the league.

Which receiver is more likely to bounce back, Keenan Allen or Mike Williams?

Williams might not be a true No. 1, but he's Herbert's go-to receiver in crunch time, and he takes advantage of defenses when the Chargers are at full strength. Allen's presence will help Williams have a bounce-back season, and this might finally be the year Williams takes over as Herbert's top target because Allen might be on the decline heading into his 11th season.

—Gilberto Manzano, *Sports Illustrated*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Justin Herbert	415.9
RB	Austin Ekeler	261.3
	Joshua Kelley	59.3
	Isaiah Spiller	39.2
WR	Keenan Allen	202.0
	Mike Williams	194.7
	Quentin Johnston (R)	116.2
	Joshua Palmer	54.7
TE	Gerald Everett	87.0
	Donald Parham Jr.	47.9
K	Dustin Hopkins	143.0

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DALLAS COWBOYS

TONY POLLARD

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Will Tony Pollard be the Cowboys' workhorse RB?

With only Ronald Jones II, Malik Davis and rookie Deuce Vaughn behind him, Pollard will get a chance for a big role with the Cowboys. Pollard earned Pro Bowl honors last season with 631 touches for 1,378 yards and 12 touchdowns. He should have more touches, more total yards and, the Cowboys hope, more touchdowns in 2023.

Which tight end will emerge as the starter?

Jake Ferguson showed promise his rookie season, but in playing 40 percent of the snaps, he made only 19 receptions for 174 yards and two touchdowns. The Cowboys drafted Michigan tight end Luke Schoonmaker in the second round for a reason, but Brandin Cooks is going to get more of the targets than Dalton Schultz got last season. Jason Witten's 35 catches for 347 yards and a touchdown as a rookie in 2003 are probably a good guess as to what Schoonmaker will do as a rookie.

Brandin Cooks or Michael Gallup: Who produces more as the WR2?

Gallup returned from an ACL tear in 2022, coming back in less than a year. He will play better this season — 20 months after his injury at the start of the season — than he did last season. Gallup should return to his form from 2019-20 when he averaged 63 catches, 975 yards and almost six touchdowns. If he doesn't, the Cowboys will release him in the offseason. Cooks has had seven 1,000-yard seasons and is playing with a better quarterback than he had the past two seasons with the Texans, but he is not the No. 1 receiver in Dallas — and maybe not the No. 2.

—Charean Williams, *Pro Football Talk*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Dak Prescott**	358.7
RB	**Tony Pollard**	233.4
	Deuce Vaughn (R)	46.2
	Malik Davis	42.0
	Ronald Jones II	28.4
WR	**CeeDee Lamb**	241.7
	Brandin Cooks	143.6
	Michael Gallup	126.0
TE	**Jake Ferguson**	60.3
K	**Tristan Vizcaino**	137.0

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SAQUON BARKLEY

NEW YORK GIANTS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

What's the likelihood of Darren Waller leading the team in all receiving categories?

That's certainly possible if Waller can stay healthy. In 2019-20, the last two times he played full seasons, he averaged almost 100 catches and 1,200 receiving yards. Given the questions around the Giants' receiving corps, they should give him the opportunity to come close to those numbers. It would be different if the Giants had a No. 1 receiver, but they just don't.

Do the Giants plan to rotate their running backs to preserve Saquon Barkley?

I doubt it. They have no problem giving him a relatively full load, especially since he is by far their best and most explosive running back. Assuming he's healthy, the only thing that might cut down his carries a bit would be the emergence of the Giants' rebuilt passing attack. But even with that, they're not going to turn into the Chiefs overnight.

Who will emerge as the No. 1 wide receiver?

Do they even have one? Isaiah Hodgins built some trust with Daniel Jones and put up 33-351-4 in eight games after the Giants claimed him off waivers last year, but he was mostly forced into a lead role because of injuries. If Darius Slayton had that in him, it would've happened already. Wan'Dale Robinson is coming off a torn ACL and he's still 5-foot-8. Sterling Shepard and Jamison Crowder are both 30. The best of the group might be Jalin Hyatt, but he's a rookie, and if they really thought he'd be a No. 1 right off the bat, they wouldn't have waited until the third round to take him.

—Ralph Vacchiano, *FOX Sports*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Daniel Jones**	327.3
	Tyrod Taylor	16.9
RB	**Saquon Barkley**	258.1
WR	**Isaiah Hodgins**	124.7
	Darius Slayton	106.6
	Wan'Dale Robinson	73.8
	Jalin Hyatt (R)	72.8
TE	**Darren Waller**	139.1
K	**Graham Gano**	150.0

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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

JALEN HURTS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Are there any plans to dial back Jalen Hurts' rushing play calls?

Because of the heavy dose of RPO action in the Eagles' attack last year, Hurts had ample opportunity to run, especially when defensive alignments dictated it. While Hurts remains a dangerous runner who will absolutely be used as a ground weapon, the arrivals of D'Andre Swift and Rashaad Penny should take away a few designed runs. Greater experience in the pocket will help him scramble less, too. Hurts may not run 10 times a game, but he will still be on the move.

What is the expected workload split between running backs D'Andre Swift and Rashaad Penny?

Since both backs have had injury issues over the past few years, it is unreasonable to expect the Eagles to establish one as a meal-ticket back and give him 15-20 carries a game. Expect each to get about 10 carries each week, but don't forget that Kenneth Gainwell is a nice changeup weapon, particularly in the pass game. Swift is also a much better receiver than Penny.

Who will emerge as the No. 3 receiver?

Last year was not a good one for Quez Watkins, who was plagued by inconsistency and drops. That's why the Birds signed Olamide Zaccheaus, who caught 40 passes, scored three times and averaged a solid 13.3 yards per catch last season with the Falcons. He is unlikely to explode, but Zaccheaus will be a reliable target who could thrive when defenses devote too much attention to A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith.

—Michael Bradley, Freelance Writer

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Jalen Hurts	433.0
	Marcus Mariota	20.3
RB	D'Andre Swift	141.9
	Rashaad Penny	124.2
	Kenneth Gainwell	85.3
	Boston Scott	40.3
WR	A.J. Brown	230.6
	DeVonta Smith	205.5
TE	Dallas Goedert	145.7
K	Jake Elliott	135.0

EFP= Expected Fantasy Points

BRIAN ROBINSON JR.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

What do you expect the split to be between RBs Antonio Gibson and Brian Robinson Jr.?

The Commanders boast arguably one of the best and most functional RB duos in the NFL, with Gibson's pass-catching ability making him the ideal complement to Robinson's bruising, workhorse style. But if you're going to go with one of them, the top choice should be Robinson, who dazzled at times last year (his 82.5 overall offensive grade from Pro Football Focus ranked second among rookie RBs in 2022) and should get the bulk of the carries in 2023. Gibson could still be a good value pick, given his track record of receptions and ability to get into the end zone.

Who will emerge as the starting tight end?

The Commanders defied conventional wisdom by standing pat at tight end this offseason, which demonstrated a surprising level of faith in the team's holdovers — particularly veteran Logan Thomas. Indeed, at his best, Thomas, who enjoyed a 72-reception breakout season in 2020, would be the clear choice. Thomas, however, has not been the same since an ACL tear in Dec. 2021. The Commanders' apparent faith in him would indicate they are convinced he will be at 100 percent health.

Will we see playmakers in new roles under offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy?

Bieniemy's version of the West Coast offense is designed to put the ball in the hands of the playmakers — like wideout Terry McLaurin. Still somewhat underrated in spite of three straight 1,000-yard seasons and a Pro Bowl selection in 2022, McLaurin has succeeded despite constant turnover at the QB position.

—Dave Sheinin, *Washington Post*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Sam Howell	174.2
	Jacoby Brissett	147.3
RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	159.0
	Antonio Gibson	141.9
WR	Terry McLaurin	185.1
	Jahan Dotson	137.7
	Curtis Samuel	132.3
TE	Logan Thomas	73.6
K	Joey Slye	128.0

EFP= Expected Fantasy Points

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CHICAGO BEARS

JUSTIN FIELDS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Do the Bears have plans to unleash Justin Fields more in the passing game in 2023?

After joining Michael Vick and Lamar Jackson as the only NFL quarterbacks to rush for at least 1,000 yards in a season, Fields said that he didn't plan on reaching that milestone every year. Fields made strides as a passer last season, throwing for 12 touchdowns in his last eight games after tossing only five TDs over his first seven starts. With a better surrounding cast and another year in the system, Fields figures to throw for more yards and TDs than he has in his first two NFL seasons.

What will DJ Moore's role be in the offense?

Moore averaged 73 receptions, 1,040 yards and four touchdowns per season over his first five years in the NFL with the Panthers and is expected to be Fields' No. 1 target this year in Chicago. Moore put up those impressive numbers while playing with a wide array of different quarterbacks in Carolina, and he should thrive once he develops some cohesiveness with Fields. Moore could be the Bears' highest-rated fantasy football player this season.

Who will take over as the lead running back following the departure of David Montgomery?

As was the case last season with Montgomery and Khalil Herbert, the Bears are expected to share the workload in the backfield this year, with Herbert, veteran free-agent acquisition D'Onta Foreman and fourth-round pick Roschon Johnson all likely to contribute. Foreman signed with the Bears after a breakout season with the Panthers last year, establishing career highs with 203 carries, 914 yards and five TDs.

—Athlon Sports

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Justin Fields**	367.5
	PJ Walker	16.8
RB	**Roschon Johnson (R)**	75.5
	Khalil Herbert	75.4
	D'Onta Foreman	73.9
	Travis Homer	55.0
WR	**DJ Moore**	180.6
	Darnell Mooney	117.8
	Chase Claypool	93.5
TE	**Cole Kmet**	93.9
K	**Cairo Santos**	125.0

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DETROIT LIONS

JAHMYR GIBBS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

What's the anticipated carry split between David Montgomery and rookie Jahmyr Gibbs?

Montgomery should get the lion's share of the carries, particularly on early downs; he should be in line for 200-plus carries again. His touchdown numbers could climb as well without a running quarterback to vulture goal-line opportunities. Both Montgomery and Gibbs bring something in the passing game, and Gibbs — a big-play threat with elite speed and hands — may look more like a receiver at times, whether motioning out wide or on wheel and option routes. Look for at least 100 carries and 50-plus receptions from the rookie

Will Marvin Jones Jr. take on a primary role while Jameson Williams is out?

Jones might be worth a late-round look in fantasy drafts with Williams suspended for the first six games. The sure-handed veteran saw his role diminished in Jacksonville last year, but he remains a reliable target and should get some more red-zone opportunities for a Lions team that loves to spread the ball around.

What should we expect out of the Lions' tight end position?

The Lions' tight end room took a hit when T.J. Hockenson was traded at the deadline last fall, but that group still set a franchise record with 12 TDs on the season. Brock Wright had four of those and may begin training camp as the No. 1 TE, but the Lions drafted Sam LaPorta to be Hockenson's replacement, and the rookie figures to be the starter in September.

—John Niyo, *Detroit News*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Jared Goff**	328.3
RB	**Jahmyr Gibbs (R)**	197.3
	David Montgomery	186.7
	Craig Reynolds	39.0
WR	**Amon-Ra St. Brown**	240.9
	Marvin Jones Jr.	93.7
	Jameson Williams	90.6
TE	**Sam LaPorta (R)**	63.8
K	**Michael Badgley**	138.0

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GREEN BAY PACKERS

JORDAN LOVE

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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What are your expectations for Jordan Love as the full-time starter?

In his first year as the starter in 2008, Aaron Rodgers threw for 4,038 yards with 28 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. Bet the under for Love, even though he will be playing in a quarterback-friendly system that Matt LaFleur wants to simplify further after it reached PhD-level complexity with Rodgers. LaFleur also studied the 49ers' offense with Brock Purdy from last season, looking for ideas to steal to help Love be more productive, but the 49ers had far more experience surrounding their young starter.

Can we expect a similar backfield split between Aaron Jones and AJ Dillon?

Jones returns for what could be his final season after taking a $5 million pay cut, and it's clear he's still a dual-threat player who can tilt the field on the ground but also as a pass-catcher. If healthy, he's in line for a fourth 1,000-yard rushing season. Dillon is in a contract year himself, and given the likelihood that this duo will carry the offensive load to lessen the burden on Love, don't be surprised if both end up with big numbers.

Who will be the more productive receiver: Christian Watson or Romeo Doubs?

While Watson showed his incredible big-play ability during a four-game, seven-touchdown stretch during the second half of last season, Doubs has the makings of a down-in, down-out primary target. LaFleur likened his movement skills to those of Davante Adams. The guess here is that he ends up with more catches and yards, but Watson will have more explosive plays.

—Jason Wilde, *ESPN Wisconsin*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Jordan Love**	302.3
RB	**Aaron Jones**	189.3
	AJ Dillon	153.6
WR	**Christian Watson**	190.8
	Romeo Doubs	110.3
	Jayden Reed (R)	102.3
TE	**Luke Musgrave (R)**	63.8
K	**Anders Carlson (R)**	123.0

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JUSTIN JEFFERSON

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Can Justin Jefferson lead the NFL in receiving yards again?

Without question. In fact, a 2,000-yard season isn't unreasonable to expect from a guy who'll be 24, is already the league's best receiver and has the drive to get better. His unanimous first-team All-Pro season even included five games with fewer than 50 yards. The Vikings are working to prevent some of the lulls that come when defenses overload coverage to Jefferson. A second year in head coach Kevin O'Connell's offense should help. So will committing more resources to a power-running game — e.g., signing blocking tight end Josh Oliver — and adding another first-rounder to the receiving corps in Jordan Addison.

Any rumors on Dalvin Cook sticking with the team?

All signs point to his departure. The team is under the cap currently, but just barely. They need to make room for the rookies and the in-season cap rules that account for all players — including those on IR. With Cook resisting a pay cut, the Vikings re-signed Alexander Mattison and drafted a running back (DeWayne McBride) for the second straight year. As good as Cook is, the team is prepared to release him to get the cap savings and to turn more of the running attack over to Mattison, who is younger and runs with more power in short-yardage situations.

Who emerges as Minnesota's WR2?

K.J. Osborn, but O'Connell loves three-receiver sets, so Addison also will be given a chance to make an immediate impact. Osborn is perhaps the most underrated player on the team. He's never failed when given an opportunity to shine in clutch situations, and this time will be no different. He's ready for this moment.

—Mark Craig, *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Kirk Cousins**	342.7
RB	**Dalvin Cook**	194.2
	Alexander Mattison	83.2
WR	**Justin Jefferson**	299.4
	K.J. Osborn	142.0
	Jordan Addison (R)	128.0
TE	**T.J. Hockenson**	173.0
K	**Greg Joseph**	151.0

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LOVE: BILL STREICHER; JEFFERSON: DAVID REGINEK/USA TODAY SPORTS

ATLANTA FALCONS

KYLE PITTS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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Will Bijan Robinson be a one-man backfield or part of a rotation?

While Robinson should be the featured back in the Falcons offense by the end of the year, look for Tyler Allgeier to still get plenty of snaps throughout the season. The team also has veteran Cordarrelle Patterson to filter into the game plan, although you should expect them to use him sparingly for maximum effect. Robinson will get plenty of looks throughout his first year; he just won't have to shoulder the load by himself.

Will Kyle Pitts bounce back in Year 3?

While fantasy football fans might've been disappointed by Pitts' sophomore season, he had two huge factors arrayed against him: He had injuries throughout the 2022 season, and former Falcons quarterback Marcus Mariota struggled to get him the ball consistently. With a more pass-happy quarterback in Desmond Ridder, Pitts should soar in his third season. Arthur Smith surely realizes he has a generational talent at tight end; Mariota targeted Pitts plenty last year, but the two simply had a bad connection. Pick up Pitts in your league this year and watch him feast.

Who other than Drake London can emerge from the WR corps?

The wideout room isn't all that starry after London, but free agent Mack Hollins could separate himself from the rest pretty quickly if the team doesn't add anyone over the summer. Hollins' 690-yard, four-TD season with the Las Vegas Raiders last fall hints at more production potential. Also, Ridder had a strong connection with wide receiver Jared Bernhardt in preseason last summer, so keep an eye on him if he makes the roster.

—Cory Woodroof, *The Falcoholic*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Desmond Ritter**	220.9
	Taylor Heinicke	42.5
RB	**Bijan Robinson (R)**	252.6
	Cordarrelle Patterson	73.0
	Tyler Allgeier	64.1
WR	**Drake London**	170.4
	Mack Hollins	98.5
TE	**Kyle Pitts**	150.7
K	**Younghoe Koo**	147.0

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BRYCE YOUNG

CAROLINA PANTHERS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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Does the quarterback job belong to Bryce Young already, or will he have to beat out Andy Dalton?

The Panthers will begin training camp with Dalton the official No. 1 because they don't want Young to feel like he's entitled to anything. But there's hardly any doubt they want Young to start and want him to do it right away. Barring an injury, expect Young to be the Panthers' starter for Week 1.

How do you expect the RB rotation to shake out with Miles Sanders and Chubba Hubbard?

The Panthers have sold Sanders on the idea of being a three-down back. Early in his career at Philadelphia, Sanders was a decent pass-catcher (50-509-3 on receptions as a rookie in 2019). The Eagles phased him out of that role, but the Panthers want Sanders to resume being a back who can stay on the field and help Young out of third-and-7 situations. Hubbard doesn't have great hands and is more of a typical two-down back. Sanders should touch the ball at least 20 times a game.

Are the Panthers concerned about playmakers at wide receiver?

The Panthers are so concerned that they have remade the entire receivers room. After trading away their best receiver, DJ Moore, to Chicago, Carolina is in search of a WR1. They'd like it to be Terrace Marshall Jr., who's had a mostly disappointing first two seasons but did flash late in 2022 and averaged 17.5 yards per catch, although he's scored only one TD in two years. Adam Thielen has lost a step, but he's still an excellent red zone target. Frank Reich loves to use the tight end, and Hayden Hurst will be a decent option for fantasy owners because he's going to get five to seven targets a game

—Scott Fowler, *Charlotte Observer*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Bryce Young (R)**	312.0
	Andy Dalton	17.0
RB	**Miles Sanders**	191.5
	Chuba Hubbard	82.7
	Raheem Blackshear	25.7
WR	**Adam Thielen**	148.5
	DJ Chark Jr.	111.3
	Terrace Marshall Jr.	97.7
	Jonathan Mingo (R)	55.6
TE	**Hayden Hurst**	113.1
K	**Eddy Pineiro**	133.0

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

ALVIN KAMARA

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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Does the team expect Alvin Kamara to get suspended? What's the latest?

That is the expectation among the Saints coaching staff and front office. Kamara is expected to appear in court in Las Vegas right around the time the team reports for training camp, and once that case is resolved legally, New Orleans expects him to receive some sort of discipline from the league office. The Saints braced for this likelihood by signing free agent running back Jamaal Williams and selecting TCU running back Kendre Miller in the third round.

What will Taysom Hill's role be?

New Orleans went into 2022 with the idea that it would mostly play Hill at tight end, but it became clear as the season progressed that Hill was a bit miscast in that role. The expectation going into this season is that he'll slot back into the position he played so well toward the tail end of 2022, which saw him playing the majority of his snaps in the backfield as a run-first quarterback option. That will likely decrease his snap count, but he'll still be good for seven to nine touches per game.

Is Michael Thomas healthy heading into 2023?

This is the roughly $5 million question — or about how much in contract incentives Thomas has on the line this year. Thomas has been posting workout videos to his social media this offseason, but the Saints will bring him along slowly after he's missed most of the last three seasons. While Thomas might sit out minicamps and OTAs, the Saints are optimistic he'll be on the field for training camp and, finally, contributing during the regular season.

—Luke Easterling, *Athlon Sports*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Derek Carr	288.6
RB	Alvin Kamara	148.7
	Jamaal Williams	144.7
	Kendre Miller (R)	61.7
WR	Chris Olave	198.8
	Rashid Shaheed	109.3
	Michael Thomas	109.1
TE	Juwan Johnson	120.3
	Taysom Hill	111.4
K	Wil Lutz	129.0

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MIKE EVANS

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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What does life after Tom Brady look like for the Bucs' passing game?

The GOAT may be gone, but so is the outdated, vertical-pass-happy scheme that departed with offensive coordinator Byron Leftwich. Baker Mayfield and Kyle Trask will battle it out to replace Brady, and new OC Dave Canales' more QB-friendly system will help. Tampa Bay's aerial attack will benefit from a renewed commitment to the run game, more play-action and a simplified overall philosophy that puts players in position to succeed.

Chase Edmonds or Rachaad White: Who takes on the bigger backfield role?

White is definitely Tampa Bay's new featured back. He supplanted veteran Leonard Fournette down the stretch as a rookie last season, showing off an impressive combination of vision, patience, power and explosiveness that no other back brought to the table. Edmonds was a solid signing to give White a breather every now and then, but White has a three-down skill set that should be on the field most of the time.

Can Mike Evans continue his 1,000-yard streak with Baker Mayfield as his quarterback?

Evans enjoyed three seasons of catching passes from Brady, but anyone who might doubt his ability to extend his NFL-record streak of 1,000-yard seasons to start his career needs to look no further than the list of quarterbacks he played with earlier in his career. Evans managed to top 1,000 yards with Mike Glennon, Josh McCown, Ryan Fitzpatrick and Jameis Winston. Whether it's Baker Mayfield or Kyle Trask throwing the passes this time around, don't be shocked when Evans makes it 10 years in a row over 1,000 yards.

—Luke Easterling, *Athlon Sports*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Baker Mayfield	215.2
	Kyle Trask	64.8
RB	Rachaad White	191.1
	Chase Edmonds	62.0
	Ke'Shawn Vaughn	36.3
WR	Chris Godwin	180.1
	Mike Evans	165.9
	Russell Gage Jr.	105.8
TE	Cade Otton	80.1
K	Chase McLaughlin	126.0

EFP= Expected Fantasy Points

KAMARA: CARA OWSLEY; EVANS: NATHAN RAY SEEBECK/USA TODAY SPORTS

ARIZONA CARDINALS

KYLER MURRAY

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

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When do you expect Kyler Murray back on the field? Will he be productive when he returns?

Murray has been grinding hard to make a quicker-than-expected return, but the Cardinals have been adamant about taking their time and making sure he's 100 percent ready before playing. He could miss as many as the first five or six games. Considering he's learning a brand-new offense, and the team is expected to run the ball more, Murray's comeback might not sparkle at first, but he should figure things out and put up some decent numbers during the second half of the season.

Since the Cardinals haven't traded DeAndre Hopkins as he requested, can we expect Hopkins to be a top-10 fantasy WR regardless of who is playing QB?

Yes, so long as he's healthy and can stay on the field. Hopkins' skills remain elite, and he still can make any quarterback look great. He doesn't drop passes, he makes the contested catches, and now, more than ever, he wants to continue to prove he's one of the game's greatest.

Zach Ertz will turn 33 this season. Will he continue to be a strong fantasy TE, or will Trey McBride see more of the action?

McBride is still figuring out what his game is going to look like at this level. Ertz, once he's fully cleared to return from his ACL surgery, will immediately be Arizona's No. 1 tight end target again. As is the case with Hopkins, the Cardinals' offense might not put up dazzling points or a ton of yards, but Ertz, too, should end up as a trustworthy fantasy pick who will finish with decent numbers.

—Bob Mcmanaman, *Arizona Republic*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Kyler Murray**	254.7
	Colt McCoy	48.2
	Clayton Tune (R)	17.3
RB	**James Conner**	193.9
	Corey Clement	32.7
	Keaontay Ingram	30.7
WR	**DeAndre Hopkins**	171.6
	Marquise Brown	146.4
	Rondale Moore	110.7
TE	**Trey McBride**	78.3
	Zach Ertz	58.4
K	**Matt Prater**	137.0

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COOPER KUPP

LOS ANGELES RAMS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Will Cooper Kupp be ready to play Week 1?

Kupp should be ready for the start of the season because there was a chance he could have returned toward the end of last season had the Rams been in playoff contention. Kupp, however, mentioned that he opted to have surgery on his injured ankle, and that probably extended his recovery timeline. The 2021 Offensive Player of the Year might not participate in organized team activities, but there's a good chance he'll be on the field with his teammates during training camp.

What about Matthew Stafford's health?

Stafford had a scary experience in New Orleans, feeling numbness in his legs that forced the Rams to shut him down for the rest of the season. But Stafford has participated in the team's voluntary offseason program and didn't contemplate retirement after the injury-riddled season. Stafford is set to play in 2023, but his arm might not be at full strength after showing signs of decline last season. The Rams will likely alter their offensive attack with Stafford releasing the ball quicker and taking fewer chances downfield.

Who will lead the backfield for L.A.? What's Cam Akers' status?

Akers left head coach Sean McVay's doghouse after averaging 102.5 rushing yards in the final four games of the 2022 season. The two had differences in offensive philosophy, leading to the Rams placing Akers on the trade market for a month. But with the messy past behind them, Akers will enter his contract year as the team's No. 1 running back on the depth chart. Akers might have to split snaps with second-year running back Kyren Williams, who had a quiet rookie year because of injuries.

—Gilberto Manzano, *Sports Illustrated*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	**Matthew Stafford**	307.1
RB	**Cam Akers**	171.3
	Kyren Williams	87.1
	Zach Evans (R)	36.6
WR	**Cooper Kupp**	278.6
	Van Jefferson	133.2
	Tutu Atwell	75.3
TE	**Tyler Higbee**	121.3
K	**Christopher Dunn (R)**	139.0

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

DEEBO SAMUEL

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

Does the team plan to use Deebo Samuel less as a rusher with Christian McCaffrey on roster?

Based on what happened after the 49ers traded for McCaffrey last year, the answer is yes. Samuel averaged 3.8 carries in the season's first six games before averaging 2.7 in the seven games he played with McCaffrey. Barring a rash of backfield injuries, which inspired the 49ers to initially use Samuel far more as a runner in 2021 (53 carries in final eight games), the fantasy bump he gets from moonlighting in the backfield figures to be modest.

Is Brock Purdy still flying under the radar?

The 262nd and final pick of the 2022 NFL Draft playing like Joe Montana as a rookie should have commanded plenty of attention. Purdy threw for 1,644 yards and accounted for 16 TDs in the seven starts he finished (including playoffs), which translates to 3,830 yards and 39 scores over a 17-game season. His star-studded supporting cast makes him a solid No. 2 fantasy QB. The 49ers' emphasis on their running game, along with a stingy defense that limits shootouts, lessens his upside.

Are there plans to use two-tight-end sets with George Kittle and Cameron Latu?

The 49ers' backup tight ends combined for seven catches last year, which explains why they used two of their first seven draft picks on the position. Latu, a third-round pick, was their highest-drafted tight end since 2013. His presence could lead to an uptick in two-tight-end formations, but it shouldn't cut into Kittle's pass-catching numbers. Latu, a linebacker who converted to tight end at Alabama after his redshirt freshman season, is a raw prospect who had 56 catches in 25 games in his final two seasons.

—Eric Branch, *San Francisco Chronicle*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Brock Purdy	174.4
	Trey Lance	133.8
	Sam Darnold	17.5
RB	Christian McCaffrey	270.6
	Elijah Mitchell	80.1
WR	Deebo Samuel	198.6
	Brandon Aiyuk	150.5
TE	George Kittle	137.6
K	Jake Moody (R)	147.0

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DK METCALF

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

INSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

AN NFL TEAM INSIDER FIELDS KEY FANTASY QUESTIONS

How does Jaxon Smith-Njigba fit into the receiver rotation with DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett?

Smith-Njigba should factor into the offense as a fringe WR2 and solid WR3/flex play fairly quickly. Geno Smith loves to throw the ball around the yard as much as he can, and while he has two Pro Bowl targets on the outside in Metcalf and Lockett, the rookie wide receiver is going to be a matchup nightmare in the slot for opposing defenses. Widely considered to be the best receiver in the 2023 draft, Smith-Njigba is a perfect fit for the Seattle offense, and while he might start the season a little slow as most Seahawk receivers do, he could be a league-winner down the stretch.

Does the team want to use Kenneth Walker III as a workhorse back?

It still feels like head coach Pete Carroll is set on using Walker as the workhorse back, but rookies Zach Charbonnet and Kenny McIntosh will certainly have a role. Charbonnet is an excellent spell guy who possesses great hands, and he should become the primary third-down back by the end of training camp. He can also be a reliable lead back if Walker gets banged up again. McIntosh's role is still unclear, but Carroll loves to use a large rotation of guys, which seems to be the reasoning behind the pick.

What will the roles be for Noah Fant and Will Dissly?

The two tight ends present contrasting skill sets. Fant is an exciting, athletic guy who's great with the ball in his hands, while Dissly is the more reliable run blocker and red zone threat. If only one of the two were to have a role, the edge might lean in Dissly's direction.

—Roman Tomashoff, *FanNation*

FANTASY DEPTH CHART

POS	NAME	EFP
QB	Geno Smith	350.0
RB	Kenneth Walker III	175.4
	Zach Charbonnet (R)	103.2
WR	DK Metcalf	224.2
	Tyler Lockett	209.3
	Jaxon Smith-Njigba (R)	113.7
TE	Noah Fant	100.0
	Will Dissly	57.8
K	Jason Myers	127.0

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SAMUEL: CARY EDMONDSON; METCALF: JOE NICHOLSON/USA TODAY SPORTS

2023 NFL SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Thursday, September 7
Detroit at Kansas City

Sunday, September 10
Carolina at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Cleveland
Jacksonville at Indianapolis
Tampa Bay at Minnesota
Tennessee at New Orleans
San Francisco at Pittsburgh
Arizona at Washington
Houston at Baltimore
Green Bay at Chicago
Las Vegas at Denver
Philadelphia at New England
Miami at L.A. Chargers
L.A. Rams at Seattle
Dallas at N.Y. Giants

Monday, September 11
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets

WEEK 2

Thursday, September 14
Minnesota at Philadelphia

Sunday, September 17
Green Bay at Atlanta
Las Vegas at Buffalo
Baltimore at Cincinnati
Seattle at Detroit
L.A. Chargers at Tennessee
Chicago at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Jacksonville
Indianapolis at Houston
San Francisco at L.A. Rams
N.Y. Giants at Arizona
N.Y. Jets at Dallas
Washington at Denver
Miami at New England

Monday, September 18
New Orleans at Carolina
Cleveland at Pittsburgh

WEEK 3

Thursday, September 21
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco

Sunday, September 24
Tennessee at Cleveland
Atlanta at Detroit
New Orleans at Green Bay
Denver at Miami
L.A. Chargers at Minnesota
New England at N.Y. Jets
Buffalo at Washington
Houston at Jacksonville
Indianapolis at Baltimore
Carolina at Seattle
Chicago at Kansas City
Dallas at Arizona
Pittsburgh at Las Vegas

Monday, September 25
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay
L.A. Rams at Cincinnati

WEEK 4

Thursday, September 28
Detroit at Green Bay

Sunday, October 1
Atlanta vs. Jacksonville (London)
Miami at Buffalo
Denver at Chicago
Baltimore at Cleveland
Cincinnati at Tennessee
L.A. Rams at Indianapolis
Tampa Bay at New Orleans
Washington at Philadelphia
Minnesota at Carolina
Pittsburgh at Houston
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers
New England at Dallas
Arizona at San Francisco
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets

Monday, October 2
Seattle at N.Y. Giants

WEEK 5

Thursday, October 5
Chicago at Washington

Sunday, October 8
Jacksonville vs. Buffalo (London)
Houston at Atlanta
Carolina at Detroit
Tennessee at Indianapolis
N.Y. Giants at Miami
New Orleans at New England
Baltimore at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams
Cincinnati at Arizona
N.Y. Jets at Denver
Kansas City at Minnesota
Dallas at San Francisco

Monday, October 9
Green Bay at Las Vegas

Bye: Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Seattle, Tampa Bay

WEEK 6

Thursday, October 12
Denver at Kansas City

Sunday, October 15
Baltimore vs. Tennessee (London)
Washington at Atlanta
Minnesota at Chicago
Seattle at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Cleveland
Carolina at Miami
Detroit at Tampa Bay
Indianapolis at Jacksonville
New Orleans at Houston
New England at Las Vegas
Arizona at L.A. Rams
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets
N.Y. Giants at Buffalo

Monday, October 16
Dallas at L.A. Chargers

Bye: Green Bay, Pittsburgh

WEEK 7

Thursday, October 19
Jacksonville at New Orleans

Sunday, October 22
Las Vegas at Chicago
Cleveland at Indianapolis
Buffalo at New England
Washington at N.Y. Giants
Atlanta at Tampa Bay
Detroit at Baltimore
Pittsburgh at L.A. Rams
Arizona at Seattle
Green Bay at Denver
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City
Miami at Philadelphia

Monday, October 23
San Francisco at Minnesota

Bye: Carolina, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, N.Y. Jets, Tennessee

WEEK 8

Thursday, October 26
Tampa Bay at Buffalo

Sunday, October 29
L.A. Rams at Dallas
Minnesota at Green Bay
Atlanta at Tennessee
New Orleans at Indianapolis
New England at Miami
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at Washington
Houston at Carolina
Cleveland at Seattle
Kansas City at Denver
Baltimore at Arizona
Cincinnati at San Francisco
Chicago at L.A. Chargers

Monday, October 30
Las Vegas at Detroit

WEEK 9

Thursday, November 2
Tennessee at Pittsburgh

Sunday, November 5
Miami vs. Kansas City (Frankfurt)
Minnesota at Atlanta
Arizona at Cleveland
L.A. Rams at Green Bay
Washington at New England
Chicago at New Orleans
Seattle at Baltimore
Tampa Bay at Houston
Indianapolis at Carolina
N.Y. Giants at Las Vegas
Dallas at Philadelphia
Buffalo at Cincinnati

Monday, November 6
L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Jets

Bye: Denver, Detroit, Jacksonville, San Francisco

WEEK 10

Thursday, November 9
Carolina at Chicago

Sunday, November 12
Indianapolis vs. New England (Frankfurt)
Houston at Cincinnati
New Orleans at Minnesota
Green Bay at Pittsburgh
Tennessee at Tampa Bay
San Francisco at Jacksonville
Cleveland at Baltimore
Atlanta at Arizona
Detroit at L.A. Chargers
N.Y. Giants at Dallas
Washington at Seattle
N.Y. Jets at Las Vegas

Monday, November 13
Denver at Buffalo

Bye: Kansas City, L.A. Rams, Miami, Philadelphia

WEEK 11

Thursday, November 16
Cincinnati at Baltimore

Sunday, November 19
Pittsburgh at Cleveland
Chicago at Detroit
L.A. Chargers at Green Bay
Las Vegas at Miami
N.Y. Giants at Washington
Dallas at Carolina
Tennessee at Jacksonville
Arizona at Houston
Tampa Bay at San Francisco
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo
Seattle at L.A. Rams
Minnesota at Denver

Monday, November 20
Philadelphia at Kansas City

Bye: Atlanta, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans

WEEK 12

Thursday, November 23
Green Bay at Detroit
Washington at Dallas
San Francisco at Seattle

Friday, November 24
Miami at N.Y. Jets

Sunday, November 26
New Orleans at Atlanta
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
Carolina at Tennessee
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis
New England at N.Y. Giants
Jacksonville at Houston
Cleveland at Denver
L.A. Rams at Arizona
Kansas City at Las Vegas
Buffalo at Philadelphia
Baltimore at L.A. Chargers

Monday, November 27
Chicago at Minnesota

WEEK 13

Thursday, November 30
Seattle at Dallas

Sunday, December 3
Indianapolis at Tennessee
L.A. Chargers at New England
Detroit at New Orleans
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets
Arizona at Pittsburgh
Carolina at Tampa Bay
Miami at Washington
Denver at Houston
Cleveland at L.A. Rams
San Francisco at Philadelphia
Kansas City at Green Bay

Monday, December 4
Cincinnati at Jacksonville

Bye: Buffalo, Chicago, Las Vegas, Minnesota, N.Y. Giants, Baltimore

WEEK 14

Thursday, December 7
New England at Pittsburgh

Sunday, December 10
Tampa Bay at Atlanta
Detroit at Chicago
Indianapolis at Cincinnati
Jacksonville at Cleveland
Carolina at New Orleans
Houston at N.Y. Jets
L.A. Rams at Baltimore
Minnesota at Las Vegas
Seattle at San Francisco
Buffalo at Kansas City
Denver at L.A. Chargers
Philadelphia at Dallas

Monday, December 11
Tennessee at Miami
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants

Bye: Arizona, Washington

WEEK 15

Thursday, December 14
L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas

Sunday, December 17
Minnesota at Cincinnati
Chicago at Cleveland
Denver at Detroit
Pittsburgh at Indianapolis
Atlanta at Carolina
Tampa Bay at Green Bay
Houston at Tennessee
N.Y. Jets at Miami
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans
Washington at L.A. Rams
San Francisco at Arizona
Dallas at Buffalo
Philadelphia at Seattle
Baltimore at Jacksonville

Monday, December 18
Kansas City at New England

WEEK 16

Thursday, December 21
New Orleans at L.A. Rams

Saturday, December 23
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Buffalo at L.A. Chargers

Sunday, December 24
Indianapolis at Atlanta
Seattle at Tennessee
Detroit at Minnesota
Washington at N.Y. Jets
Green Bay at Carolina
Cleveland at Houston
Jacksonville at Tampa Bay
Arizona at Chicago
Dallas at Miami
New England at Denver

Monday, December 25
Las Vegas at Kansas City
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia
Baltimore at San Francisco

WEEK 17

Thursday, December 28
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland

Saturday, December 30
Detroit at Dallas

Sunday, December 31
New England at Buffalo
Atlanta at Chicago
Las Vegas at Indianapolis
L.A. Rams at N.Y Giants
Arizona at Philadelphia
New Orleans at Tampa Bay
San Francisco at Washington
Carolina at Jacksonville
Miami at Baltimore
Tennessee at Houston
Pittsburgh at Seattle
L.A. Chargers at Denver
Cincinnati at Kansas City
Green Bay at Minnesota

WEEK 18

Sunday, January 7
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Minnesota at Detroit
Chicago at Green Bay
Jacksonville at Tennessee
Houston at Indianapolis
Denver at Las Vegas
Buffalo at Miami
N.Y. Jets at New England
Atlanta at New Orleans
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants
Seattle at Arizona
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers
L.A. Rams at San Francisco
Dallas at Washington
Tampa Bay at Carolina
Pittsburgh at Baltimore

NFL POSTSEASON

Super Wild Card Weekend
Saturday, January 13, 2024
Sunday, January 14, 2024
Monday, January 15, 2024

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, January 20, 2024
Sunday, January 21, 2024

AFC and NFC Championship
Sunday, January 28, 2024

Super Bowl LVIII
Sunday, February 11, 2024
Allegiant Stadium
Las Vegas (CBS)

2022 TOP FANTASY SCORERS

Player	POS	Team	Total Pts.	PPG
PATRICK MAHOMES	QB	KC	498.9	29.3
JOSH ALLEN	QB	BUF	465.5	29.1
JALEN HURTS	QB	PHI	422.0	28.1
JOE BURROW	QB	CIN	420.7	26.3
GENO SMITH	QB	SEA	363.9	21.4
KIRK COUSINS	QB	MIN	349.6	20.6
TREVOR LAWRENCE	QB	JAC	345.6	20.3
JARED GOFF	QB	DET	341.8	20.1
JUSTIN HERBERT	QB	LAC	330.3	19.4
JUSTIN FIELDS	QB	CHI	330.0	22.0
TOM BRADY	QB	TB	321.7	18.9
AUSTIN EKELER	RB	LAC	319.2	18.8
DANIEL JONES	QB	NYG	319.0	19.9
CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY	RB	CAR/SF	315.9	18.6
JUSTIN JEFFERSON	WR	MIN	304.7	17.9
JOSH JACOBS	RB	LV	301.8	17.8
AARON RODGERS	QB	GB	291.2	17.1
DERRICK HENRY	RB	TEN	288.3	18.0
DAVANTE ADAMS	WR	LV	285.5	16.8
TYREEK HILL	WR	MIA	281.7	16.6
TUA TAGOVAILOA	QB	MIA	280.9	21.6
LAMAR JACKSON	QB	BAL	270.1	22.5
NICK CHUBB	RB	CLE	267.9	15.8
DEREK CARR	QB	LV	267.1	17.8
STEFON DIGGS	WR	BUF	262.6	16.4
TRAVIS KELCE	TE	KC	261.3	15.4
RUSSELL WILSON	QB	DEN	257.3	17.2
A.J. BROWN	WR	PHI	255.6	15.0
SAQUON BARKLEY	RB	NYG	255.5	16.0
CEEDEE LAMB	WR	DAL	248.1	14.6
DAK PRESCOTT	QB	DAL	244.6	20.4
TONY POLLARD	RB	DAL	229.3	14.3
KYLER MURRAY	QB	ARI	228.5	20.8
MARCUS MARIOTA	QB	ATL	226.6	17.4
JAYLEN WADDLE	WR	MIA	221.7	13.0
JAMAAL WILLIAMS	RB	DET	219.9	12.9
AARON JONES	RB	GB	219.1	12.9
DALVIN COOK	RB	MIN	218.3	12.8
DAVIS MILLS	QB	HOU	215.5	14.4
RHAMONDRE STEVENSON	RB	NE	214.6	12.6
AMON-RA ST. BROWN	WR	DET	214.6	13.4
ANDY DALTON	QB	NO	210.2	15.0
JOE MIXON	RB	CIN	209.5	15.0
DEVONTA SMITH	WR	PHI	207.1	12.2
AMARI COOPER	WR	CLE	207.0	12.2
MILES SANDERS	RB	PHI	206.7	12.2
NAJEE HARRIS	RB	PIT	203.0	11.9
CHRISTIAN KIRK	WR	JAC	199.9	11.8
JA'MARR CHASE	WR	CIN	198.9	16.6
MAC JONES	QB	NE	198.1	14.1
JIMMY GAROPPOLO	QB	SF	196.8	17.9
TYLER LOCKETT	WR	SEA	195.3	12.2
JACOBY BRISSETT	QB	CLE	192.6	12.0
TERRY MCLAURIN	WR	WAS	190.5	11.2
LEONARD FOURNETTE	RB	TB	189.6	11.9
KENNETH WALKER III	RB	SEA	189.0	12.6
BRANDON AIYUK	WR	SF	188.8	11.1
TRAVIS ETIENNE JR.	RB	JAC	187.6	11.0
RYAN TANNEHILL	QB	TEN	187.2	15.6
MIKE EVANS	WR	TB	186.9	12.5
TEE HIGGINS	WR	CIN	183.9	11.5
MATT RYAN	QB	IND	183.3	15.3
ALVIN KAMARA	RB	NO	183.2	12.2
DK METCALF	WR	SEA	181.8	10.7
EZEKIEL ELLIOTT	RB	DAL	177.3	11.8
JAMES CONNER	RB	ARI	177.2	13.6
GARRETT WILSON	WR	NYJ	174.2	10.2
T.J. HOCKENSON	TE	DET/MIN	172.4	10.1
CHRIS GODWIN	WR	TB	170.8	11.4
JERRY JEUDY	WR	DEN	170.7	11.4
GEORGE KITTLE	TE	SF	170.5	11.4
JERICK MCKINNON	RB	KC	168.3	9.9
DJ MOORE	WR	CAR	167.6	9.9
D'ANDRE SWIFT	RB	DET	167.1	11.9
MICHAEL PITTMAN JR.	WR	IND	167.0	10.4
COOPER KUPP	WR	LAR	163.9	18.2
KENNY PICKETT	QB	PIT	163.9	12.6
CHRIS OLAVE	WR	NO	162.2	10.8
DAVID MONTGOMERY	RB	CHI	160.7	10.0
DEVIN SINGLETARY	RB	BUF	158.9	9.9
ZAY JONES	WR	JAC	157.1	9.8
MARK ANDREWS	TE	BAL	154.0	10.3
AJ DILLON	RB	GB	153.6	9.0
RAHEEM MOSTERT	RB	MIA	152.8	9.6
JEFF WILSON JR.	RB	SF/MIA	151.5	9.5
TYLER ALLGEIER	RB	ATL	151.4	9.5
DAMEON PIERCE	RB	HOU	151.4	11.6
GABE DAVIS	WR	BUF	147.6	9.8
JAKOBI MEYERS	WR	NE	146.8	10.5
JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER	WR	KC	146.3	9.1
TAYSOM HILL	QB/TE	NO	145.3	9.1
ADAM THIELEN	WR	MIN	145.0	8.5
MIKE WILLIAMS	WR	LAC	145.0	11.2
ALLEN LAZARD	WR	GB	144.8	9.7
CURTIS SAMUEL	WR	WAS	144.3	8.5
CHRISTIAN WATSON	WR	GB	143.6	10.3
ANTONIO GIBSON	RB	WAS	142.9	9.5
DRAKE LONDON	WR	ATL	142.6	8.4
BAKER MAYFIELD	QB	CAR/LAR	141.4	11.8
LATAVIUS MURRAY	RB	NO/DEN	140.7	10.8
GEORGE PICKENS	WR	PIT	140.5	8.3
DEEBO SAMUEL	WR	SF	140.4	10.8
EVAN ENGRAM	TE	JAC	140.4	8.3
TAYLOR HEINICKE	QB	WAS	140.0	15.6
CORDARRELLE PATTERSON	RB	ATL	138.2	10.6
TYLER BOYD	WR	CIN	138.1	8.6
DIONTAE JOHNSON	WR	PIT	137.7	8.1
CARSON WENTZ	QB	WAS	134.8	16.9
CAM AKERS	RB	LAR	134.8	9.0
JOSHUA PALMER	WR	LAC	133.3	8.3
JONATHAN TAYLOR	RB	IND	132.4	12.0
BROCK PURDY	QB	SF	132.3	14.7
KEENAN ALLEN	WR	LAC	131.0	13.1
DONOVAN PEOPLES-JONES	WR	CLE	130.6	7.7
D'ONTA FOREMAN	RB	CAR	128.5	7.6
ISIAH PACHECO	RB	KC	128.5	7.6
MATTHEW STAFFORD	QB	LAR	128.4	14.3
COURTLAND SUTTON	WR	DEN	127.4	8.5
MACK HOLLINS	WR	LV	125.7	7.4
K.J. OSBORN	WR	MIN	125.6	7.4
SAMAJE PERINE	RB	CIN	123.1	7.7
MARQUISE BROWN	WR	ARI	122.5	10.2
COLE KMET	TE	CHI	122.3	7.2
DEANDRE HOPKINS	WR	ARI	119.7	13.3
PARRIS CAMPBELL	WR	IND	117.6	6.9
BRANDIN COOKS	WR	HOU	117.1	9.0
PAT FREIERMUTH	TE	PIT	116.7	7.3
TYLER HIGBEE	TE	LAR	116.0	6.8
DALTON SCHULTZ	TE	DAL	114.2	7.6
RACHAAD WHITE	RB	TB	114.1	6.7
JUWAN JOHNSON	TE	NO	113.8	7.1
DALLAS GOEDERT	TE	PHI	113.7	9.5
KHALIL HERBERT	RB	CHI	113.3	8.7
JAHAN DOTSON	WR	WAS	113.1	9.4
DAVID NJOKU	TE	CLE	113.0	8.1
DAWSON KNOX	TE	BUF	111.7	7.4
GERALD EVERETT	TE	LAC	110.5	6.9
ZACH WILSON	QB	NYJ	110.4	12.3
KAREEM HUNT	RB	CLE	109.3	6.4
BRIAN ROBINSON JR.	RB	WAS	108.2	9.0
BREECE HALL	RB	NYJ	105.6	15.1
MICHAEL CARTER	RB	NYJ	105.5	6.6
DARIUS SLAYTON	WR	NYG	105.4	6.6
RICHIE JAMES	WR	NYG	104.0	6.1
TYLER CONKLIN	TE	NYJ	102.5	6.0
M. VALDES-SCANTLING	WR	KC	101.4	6.0
SAM DARNOLD	QB	CAR	100.3	16.7
DESHAUN WATSON	QB	CLE	99.6	16.6
ISAIAH MCKENZIE	WR	BUF	98.8	6.6
RUSSELL GAGE JR.	WR	TB	98.1	7.5
JORDAN AKINS	TE	HOU	98.0	6.5
NOAH FANT	TE	SEA	97.6	5.7
KENYAN DRAKE	RB	BAL	95.6	8.0
JAMES COOK	RB	BUF	95.2	6.0
MARVIN JONES JR.	WR	JAC	93.9	5.9
NOAH BROWN	WR	DAL	93.0	5.8
ZACH ERTZ	TE	ARI	92.1	9.2
ALEC PIERCE	WR	IND	91.8	5.7
DEVIN DUVERNAY	WR	BAL	91.6	6.5
CHRIS MOORE	WR	HOU	91.1	5.7
OLAMIDE ZACCHEAUS	WR	ATL	90.0	5.3
CLYDE EDWARDS-HELAIRE	RB	KC	89.8	9.0
DEANDRE CARTER	WR	LAC	89.3	5.3
ROBERT WOODS	WR	TEN	89.2	5.2
DEVANTE PARKER	WR	NE	87.4	6.7
GREG DORTCH	WR	ARI	87.1	5.4
KALIF RAYMOND	WR	DET	86.7	5.1
RASHID SHAHEED	WR	NO	86.5	7.2
MICHAEL GALLUP	WR	DAL	85.9	6.1
ROBERT TONYAN	TE	GB	85.5	5.0
JOSH REYNOLDS	WR	DET	84.9	6.1
CHASE CLAYPOOL	WR	PIT/CHI	84.0	5.6
HUNTER HENRY	TE	NE	83.4	4.9
DJ CHARK JR.	WR	DET	83.2	7.6

2022 TARGET LEADERS

Player	POS	Team	Targets	Rec	Rec-Yds	Rec-TD	FP	PPG
JUSTIN JEFFERSON	WR	MIN	184	128	1,809	8	304.7	17.9
DAVANTE ADAMS	WR	LV	180	100	1,516	14	285.5	16.8
TYREEK HILL	WR	MIA	170	119	1,710	7	281.7	16.6
CEEDEE LAMB	WR	DAL	156	107	1,359	9	248.1	14.6
STEFON DIGGS	WR	BUF	154	108	1,429	11	262.6	16.4
TRAVIS KELCE	TE	KC	152	110	1,338	12	261.3	15.4
GARRETT WILSON	WR	NYJ	147	83	1,103	4	174.2	10.2
DIONTAE JOHNSON	WR	PIT	147	86	882	0	137.7	8.1
AMON-RA ST. BROWN	WR	DET	146	106	1,161	6	214.6	13.4
A.J. BROWN	WR	PHI	145	88	1,496	11	255.6	15.0
CHRIS GODWIN	WR	TB	142	104	1,023	3	170.8	11.4
DK METCALF	WR	SEA	141	90	1,048	6	181.8	10.7
MICHAEL PITTMAN JR.	WR	IND	141	99	925	4	167.0	10.4
DEVONTA SMITH	WR	PHI	136	95	1,196	7	207.1	12.2
JA'MARR CHASE	WR	CIN	134	87	1,046	9	198.9	16.6
CHRISTIAN KIRK	WR	JAC	133	84	1,108	8	199.9	11.8
AMARI COOPER	WR	CLE	132	78	1,160	9	207.0	12.2
T.J. HOCKENSON	TE	DET/MIN	129	86	914	6	172.4	10.1
AUSTIN EKELER	RB	LAC	127	107	722	5	319.2	18.8
MIKE EVANS	WR	TB	127	77	1,124	6	186.9	12.5
ZAY JONES	WR	JAC	121	82	823	5	157.1	9.8
TERRY MCLAURIN	WR	WAS	120	77	1,191	5	190.5	11.2
CHRIS OLAVE	WR	NO	119	72	1,042	4	162.2	10.8
DJ MOORE	WR	CAR	118	63	888	7	167.6	9.9
JAYLEN WADDLE	WR	MIA	117	75	1,356	8	221.7	13.0
TYLER LOCKETT	WR	SEA	117	84	1,033	9	195.3	12.2
DRAKE LONDON	WR	ATL	117	72	866	4	142.6	8.4
BRANDON AIYUK	WR	SF	114	78	1,015	8	188.8	11.1
MARK ANDREWS	TE	BAL	113	73	847	5	154.0	10.3
TEE HIGGINS	WR	CIN	109	74	1,029	7	183.9	11.5
COURTLAND SUTTON	WR	DEN	109	64	829	2	127.4	8.5
CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY	RB	CAR/SF	108	85	741	5	315.9	18.6
TYLER HIGBEE	TE	LAR	108	72	620	3	116.0	6.8
MARQUISE BROWN	WR	ARI	107	67	709	3	122.5	10.2
ADAM THIELEN	WR	MIN	107	70	716	6	145.0	8.5
JOSHUA PALMER	WR	LAC	107	72	769	3	133.3	8.3
JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER	WR	KC	101	78	933	3	146.3	9.1
JERRY JEUDY	WR	DEN	100	67	972	6	170.7	11.4
ALLEN LAZARD	WR	GB	100	60	788	6	144.8	9.7
COOPER KUPP	WR	LAR	98	75	812	6	163.9	18.2
EVAN ENGRAM	TE	JAC	98	73	766	4	140.4	8.3
PAT FREIERMUTH	TE	PIT	98	63	732	2	116.7	7.3
DEANDRE HOPKINS	WR	ARI	96	64	717	3	119.7	13.3
JAKOBI MEYERS	WR	NE	96	67	804	6	146.8	10.5
DONOVAN PEOPLES-JONES	WR	CLE	96	61	839	3	130.6	7.7
DEEBO SAMUEL	WR	SF	94	56	632	2	140.4	10.8
MACK HOLLINS	WR	LV	94	57	690	4	125.7	7.4
MIKE WILLIAMS	WR	LAC	93	63	895	4	145.0	11.2
GABE DAVIS	WR	BUF	93	48	836	7	147.6	9.8
BRANDIN COOKS	WR	HOU	93	57	699	3	117.1	9.0
CURTIS SAMUEL	WR	WAS	92	64	656	4	144.3	8.5
PARRIS CAMPBELL	WR	IND	91	63	623	3	117.6	6.9
ROBERT WOODS	WR	TEN	91	53	527	2	89.2	5.2
K.J. OSBORN	WR	MIN	90	60	650	5	125.6	7.4
KEENAN ALLEN	WR	LAC	89	66	752	4	131.0	13.1
DALTON SCHULTZ	TE	DAL	89	57	577	5	114.2	7.6
RHAMONDRE STEVENSON	RB	NE	88	69	421	1	214.6	12.6
GERALD EVERETT	TE	LAC	87	58	555	4	110.5	6.9
TYLER CONKLIN	TE	NYJ	87	58	552	3	102.5	6.0
GEORGE KITTLE	TE	SF	86	60	765	11	170.5	11.4
GEORGE PICKENS	WR	PIT	84	52	801	4	140.5	8.3

Player	POS	Team	Targets	Rec	Rec-Yds	Rec-TD	FP	PPG
LEONARD FOURNETTE	RB	TB	83	73	523	3	189.6	11.9
TYLER BOYD	WR	CIN	82	58	762	5	138.1	8.6
M. VALDES-SCANTLING	WR	KC	81	42	687	2	101.4	6.0
MARVIN JONES JR.	WR	JAC	81	46	529	3	93.9	5.9
DAVID NJOKU	TE	CLE	80	58	628	4	113.0	8.1
CHASE CLAYPOOL	WR	PIT/CHI	79	46	451	1	84.0	5.6
ALEC PIERCE	WR	IND	78	41	593	2	91.8	5.7
ALVIN KAMARA	RB	NO	77	57	490	2	183.2	12.2
SAQUON BARKLEY	RB	NYG	76	57	338	0	255.5	16.0
JOE MIXON	RB	CIN	75	60	441	2	209.5	15.0
DEMARCUS ROBINSON	WR	BAL	75	48	458	2	79.8	4.7
MICHAEL GALLUP	WR	DAL	74	39	424	4	85.9	6.1
NOAH BROWN	WR	DAL	74	43	555	3	93.0	5.8
CHRIS MOORE	WR	HOU	74	48	548	2	91.1	5.7
AARON JONES	RB	GB	72	59	395	5	219.1	12.9
JERICK MCKINNON	RB	KC	71	56	512	9	168.3	9.9
DARIUS SLAYTON	WR	NYG	71	46	724	2	105.4	6.6
D'ANDRE SWIFT	RB	DET	70	48	389	3	167.1	11.9
RUSSELL GAGE JR.	WR	TB	70	51	426	5	98.1	7.5
RICHIE JAMES	WR	NYG	70	57	569	4	104.0	6.1
DALLAS GOEDERT	TE	PHI	69	55	702	3	113.7	9.5
ZACH ERTZ	TE	ARI	69	47	406	4	92.1	9.2
COLE KMET	TE	CHI	69	50	544	7	122.3	7.2
HAYDEN HURST	TE	CIN	68	52	414	2	79.4	6.1
ROMEO DOUBS	WR	GB	67	42	425	3	80.6	6.2
ROBERT TONYAN	TE	GB	67	53	470	2	85.5	5.0
CHRISTIAN WATSON	WR	GB	66	41	611	7	143.6	10.3
NICO COLLINS	WR	HOU	66	37	481	2	78.6	7.9
DAWSON KNOX	TE	BUF	65	48	517	6	111.7	7.4
JUWAN JOHNSON	TE	NO	65	42	508	7	113.8	7.1
ISAIAH MCKENZIE	WR	BUF	65	42	423	4	98.8	6.6
DEANDRE CARTER	WR	LAC	65	46	538	3	89.3	5.3
CADE OTTON	TE	TB	65	42	391	2	72.1	4.5
ELIJAH MOORE	WR	NYJ	65	37	446	1	69.6	4.4
JOSH JACOBS	RB	LV	64	53	400	0	301.8	17.8
COREY DAVIS	WR	NYJ	64	32	536	2	81.6	6.3
GREG DORTCH	WR	ARI	64	52	467	2	87.1	5.4
KALIF RAYMOND	WR	DET	64	47	616	0	86.7	5.1
NOAH FANT	TE	SEA	63	50	486	4	97.6	5.7
JAHAN DOTSON	WR	WAS	61	35	523	7	113.1	9.4
DARNELL MOONEY	WR	CHI	61	40	493	2	81.5	6.8
OLAMIDE ZACCHEAUS	WR	ATL	61	40	533	3	90.0	5.3
BEN SKOWRONEK	WR	LAR	61	39	376	0	64.8	4.6
LOGAN THOMAS	TE	WAS	61	39	323	1	57.8	4.1
ISAIAH LIKELY	TE	BAL	60	36	373	3	73.3	4.6
AUSTIN HOOPER	TE	TEN	60	41	444	2	76.9	4.5
KYLE PITTS	TE	ATL	59	28	356	2	61.6	6.2
JOSH REYNOLDS	WR	DET	59	38	479	3	84.9	6.1
HUNTER HENRY	TE	NE	59	41	509	2	83.4	4.9
JAMES CONNER	RB	ARI	58	46	300	1	177.2	13.6
ANTONIO GIBSON	RB	WAS	58	46	353	2	142.9	9.5
RACHAAD WHITE	RB	TB	58	50	290	2	114.1	6.7
DALVIN COOK	RB	MIN	56	39	295	2	218.3	12.8
RONDALE MOORE	WR	ARI	56	41	414	1	67.4	8.4
JAUAN JENNINGS	WR	SF	56	35	416	1	65.1	4.1
TONY POLLARD	RB	DAL	55	39	371	3	229.3	14.3
GREG DULCICH	TE	DEN	55	33	411	2	69.6	7.0
MICHAEL CARTER	RB	NYJ	54	41	288	0	105.5	6.6
JORDAN AKINS	TE	HOU	54	37	495	5	98.0	6.5
TREYLON BURKS	WR	TEN	54	33	444	1	71.6	6.5
FOSTER MOREAU	TE	LV	54	33	420	2	68.7	4.6

ATHLON SPORTS COLLEGE FANTASY

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CALEB WILLIAMS

QUARTERBACKS

1.	CALEB WILLIAMS	USC
2.	AUSTIN REED	WKU
3.	DRAKE MAYE	North Carolina
4.	BO NIX	Oregon
5.	MICHAEL PENIX JR.	Washington
6.	FRANK HARRIS	UTSA
7.	TYLER SHOUGH	Texas Tech
8.	JOHN RHYS PLUMLEE	UCF
9.	RILEY LEONARD	Duke
10.	JORDAN TRAVIS	Florida State
11.	JOE MILTON III	Tennessee
12.	MALIK HORNSBY	Texas State
13.	KJ JEFFERSON	Arkansas
14.	DEQUAN FINN	Toledo
15.	CAMERON WARD	Washington State
16.	KURTIS ROURKE	Ohio
17.	CHEVAN CORDEIRO	San José State
18.	MICHAEL PRATT	Tulane
19.	JALON DANIELS	Kansas
20.	BRENNAN ARMSTRONG	NC State
21.	CADE KLUBNIK	Clemson
22.	JAYDEN DANIELS	LSU
23.	DILLON GABRIEL	Oklahoma
24.	KYLE MCCORD	Ohio State
25.	PRESTON STONE	SMU
26.	DONOVAN SMITH	Houston
27.	MITCH GRIFFIS	Wake Forest
28.	GARRETT SHRADER	Syracuse
29.	TAYLEN GREEN	Boise State
30.	CHANDLER MORRIS	TCU
31.	GRAYSON MCCALL	Coastal Carolina
32.	JAYDEN DE LAURA	Arizona
33.	DAVIS BRIN	Georgia Southern
34.	DARREN GRAINGER	Georgia State
35.	CASEY THOMPSON	Florida Atlantic
36.	SHEDEUR SANDERS	Colorado
37.	JAXSON DART	Ole Miss
38.	EMORY JONES	Cincinnati
39.	SAM HARTMAN	Notre Dame
40.	QUINN EWERS	Texas
41.	BERT EMANUEL JR.	Central Michigan
42.	SETH HENIGAN	Memphis
43.	BYRUM BROWN	USF
44.	TYLER BUCHNER	Alabama
45.	CAMERON RISING	Utah
46.	CHANDLER ROGERS	North Texas
47.	DJ IRONS	Akron
48.	HUDSON CARD	Purdue
49.	CARTER BRADLEY	South Alabama
50.	J.J. MCCARTHY	Michigan

RUNNING BACKS

1.	QUINSHON JUDKINS	Ole Miss
2.	RASHEEN ALI	Marshall
3.	ROCKET SANDERS	Arkansas
4.	BLAKE CORUM	Michigan
5.	BRAELON ALLEN	Wisconsin
6.	MARQUEZ COOPER	Ball State
7.	SIEH BANGURA	Ohio
8.	JA'QUINDEN JACKSON	Utah
9.	TREY BENSON	Florida State
10.	WILL SHIPLEY	Clemson
11.	FRANK GORE JR.	Southern Mississippi
12.	LA'DAMIAN WEBB	South Alabama
13.	DAMIEN MARTINEZ	Oregon State
14.	KEVORIAN BARNES	UTSA
15.	TREVEYON HENDERSON	Ohio State
16.	NICHOLAS SINGLETON	Penn State
17.	CJ DONALDSON	West Virginia
18.	AUDRIC ESTIME	Notre Dame
19.	SAMSON EVANS	Ohio
20.	RODNEY HAMMOND JR.	Pittsburgh
21.	JASE MCCLELLAN	Alabama
22.	TRESHAUN WARD	Kansas State
23.	JALEN WHITE	Georgia Southern
24.	RICHARD REESE	Baylor
25.	LEQUINT ALLEN	Syracuse
26.	JARQUEZ HUNTER	Auburn
27.	DONOVAN EDWARDS	Michigan
28.	RAY DAVIS	Kentucky
29.	CARSON STEELE	UCLA
30.	JERMAINE BROWN JR.	UAB
31.	MARSHAWN LLOYD	USC
32.	MICHAEL WILEY	Arizona
33.	ANTARIO BROWN	Northern Illinois

USC ATHLETICS

RUNNING BACKS CONT'D

34.	JOSH MCCRAY	Illinois
35.	AIDAN ROBBINS	BYU
36.	RJ HARVEY	UCF
37.	HARRISON WAYLEE	Wyoming
38.	E.J. SMITH	Stanford
39.	JO'QUAVIOUS MARKS	Mississippi State
40.	NATE NOEL	Appalachian State
41.	JABARI SMALL	Tennessee
42.	ROMAN HEMBY	Maryland
43.	BUCKY IRVING	Oregon
44.	MARCUS CARROLL	Georgia State
45.	KIMANI VIDAL	Troy
46.	GEORGE HOLANI	Boise State
47.	ASHTON JEANTY	Boise State
48.	DEVIN NEAL	Kansas
49.	JOVANTAE BARNES	Oklahoma
50.	OLLIE GORDON	Oklahoma State
51.	JOHN LEE ELDRIDGE III	Air Force
52.	KALEB JOHNSON	Iowa
53.	ALTON MCCASKILL	Transfer Portal
54.	MALIK SHERROD	Fresno State
55.	SEAN TYLER	Minnesota
56.	DEVIN MOCKOBEE	Purdue
57.	JAYDN OTT	California
58.	TREY SANDERS	TCU
59.	LARRY MCCAMMON	Florida Atlantic
60.	JAYLAN KNIGHTON	SMU
61.	TYLAN HINES	Hawai'i
62.	MIYAN WILLIAMS	Ohio State
63.	GAVIN SAWCHUK	Oklahoma
64.	MONTRELL JOHNSON JR.	Florida
65.	KAYTRON ALLEN	Penn State
66.	CJ BAXTER	Texas
67.	JAHWAR JORDAN	Louisville
68.	CAM PORTER	Northwestern
69.	SHAADIE CLAYTON	Tulane
70.	LORENZO LINGARD	Akron
71.	TAHJ BROOKS	Texas Tech
72.	NAKIA WATSON	Washington State
73.	LOGAN DIGGS	Transfer Portal
74.	SEAN DOLLARS	Nevada
75.	DILLON JOHNSON	Washington

QUINSHON JUDKINS

MARVIN HARRISON JR.

WIDE RECEIVERS

1.	MARVIN HARRISON JR.	Ohio State
2.	MALACHI CORLEY	WKU
3.	TORY HORTON	Colorado State
4.	EMEKA EGBUKA	Ohio State
5.	ROME ODUNZE	Washington
6.	JACOB COWING	Arizona
7.	TYRIN SMITH	UTEP
8.	MATTHEW GOLDEN	Houston
9.	DERWIN BURGESS JR.	Georgia Southern
10.	JALEN MCMILLAN	Washington
11.	SQUIRREL WHITE	Tennessee
12.	DEVONTEZ WALKER	North Carolina
13.	JOSHUA CEPHUS	UTSA
14.	JORDAN KERLEY	SMU
15.	XAVIER WORTHY	Texas
16.	MALIK NABERS	LSU
17.	JAHMAL BANKS	Wake Forest
18.	TROY FRANKLIN	Oregon
19.	JALIL FAROOQ	Oklahoma
20.	LUTHER BURDEN III	Missouri
21.	TETAIROA MCMILLAN	Arizona
22.	DE'CORIAN CLARK	UTSA
23.	ALEX ADAMS	Akron
24.	TERRELL VAUGHN	Utah State
25.	JAMARI THRASH	Louisville
26.	SAM WIGLUSZ	Ohio
27.	JUICE WELLS	South Carolina
28.	ASHTYN HAWKINS	Texas State
29.	LAJOHNTAY WESTER	Florida Atlantic
30.	LUKE MCCAFFREY	Rice
31.	KHALEB HOOD	Georgia Southern
32.	ELIJHAH BADGER	Arizona State
33.	DORIAN SINGER	USC
34.	DT SHEFFIELD	Washington State
35.	CYRUS ALLEN	Louisiana Tech
36.	DEVIN VOISIN	South Alabama
37.	ZAKHARI FRANKLIN	Transfer Portal
38.	JUSTIN LOCKHART	San José State
39.	JERAND BRADLEY	Texas Tech
40.	XAVIER WEAVER	Colorado
41.	EVAN STEWART	Texas A&M
42.	J.MICHAEL STURDIVANT	UCLA

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WIDE RECEIVERS CONT'D

43.	REGGIE BROWN	James Madison
44.	SAM PINCKNEY	Coastal Carolina
45.	JEREMIAH HUNTER	California
46.	WILL SHEPPARD	Vanderbilt
47.	COREY RUCKER	Arkansas State
48.	JAVON HARVEY	Old Dominion
49.	BARION BROWN	Kentucky
50.	TRAYVON RUDOLPH	Northern Illinois
51.	ISAIAH WILLIAMS	Illinois
52.	RYAN O'KEEFE	Boston College
53.	JALON CALHOUN	Duke
54.	JOHNNY WILSON	Florida State
55.	MYLES PRICE	Texas Tech
56.	JOSIAH FREEMAN	Fresno State
57.	COREY GAMMAGE	Purdue
58.	CHIMERE DIKE	Wisconsin
59.	JERJUAN NEWTON	Toledo
60.	JUSTUS ROSS-SIMMONS	Colorado State
61.	CAM CAMPER	Indiana
62.	COLBIE YOUNG	Miami (Fla.)
63.	JARED BROWN	Coastal Carolina
64.	DALVIN SMITH	WKU
65.	KODY EPPS	BYU
66.	JAYLIN NOEL	Iowa State
67.	BEAUX COLLINS	Clemson
68.	ANTONIO WILLIAMS	Clemson
69.	MILES MARSHALL	Miami (Ohio)
70.	KONATA MUMPFIELD	Pittsburgh
71.	JA'VARRIUS JOHNSON	Auburn
72.	JOHN PAUL RICHARDSON	TCU
73.	DJ ENGLAND-CHISOLM	Middle Tennessee
74.	JALEN WALTHALL	Hawai'i
75.	BRADLEY ROZNER	Rice

ORONDE GADSDEN II

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TIGHT ENDS

1.	ORONDE GADSDEN II	Syracuse
2.	BROCK BOWERS	Georgia
3.	BRANT KUITHE	Utah
4.	BENJAMIN YUROSEK	Stanford
5.	JA'TAVION SANDERS	Texas
6.	RJ MARYLAND	SMU
7.	COREY DYCHES	Maryland
8.	JAYLIN CONYERS	Arizona State
9.	LUKE LACHEY	Iowa
10.	BRADY HUNT	Ball State
11.	TANNER KOZIOL	Ball State
12.	JAKE BRININGSTOOL	Clemson
13.	TANNER MCLACHLAN	Arizona
14.	JAHEIM BELL	Florida State
15.	VAR'KEYES GUMMS	Arkansas
16.	DAVID MARTIN-ROBINSON	Temple
17.	BEN SINNOTT	Kansas State
18.	CADEN PRIESKORN	Ole Miss
19.	COLSTON LOVELAND	Michigan
20.	THOMAS YASSMIN	Utah
21.	CJ DIPPRE	Alabama
22.	MASON FAIRCHILD	Kansas
23.	MASON TAYLOR	LSU
24.	BRYSON NESBIT	North Carolina
25.	HAROLD FANNIN JR.	Bowling Green
26.	GAVIN BARTHOLOMEW	Pittsburgh
27.	AUSTIN STOGNER	Oklahoma
28.	OSCAR CARDENAS	UTSA
29.	JOSIAH MIAMEN	FIU
30.	GEORGE TAKACS	Boston College

KICKERS

1.	JAMES TURNER	Michigan
2.	WILL REICHARD	Alabama
3.	CHARLES CAMPBELL	Tennessee
4.	BRAYDEN NARVESON	NC State
5.	RYAN COE	North Carolina
6.	CAMDEN LEWIS	Oregon
7.	KENNETH ALMENDARES	Louisiana
8.	DENIS LYNCH	USC
9.	ALEX FELKINS	Penn State
10.	JONAH DALMAS	Boise State

DEFENSE

1. IOWA
2. MICHIGAN
3. GEORGIA
4. TEXAS A&M
5. PENN STATE
6. FLORIDA STATE
7. CLEMSON
8. ALABAMA
9. OHIO STATE
10. AIR FORCE

TOP 250 OVERALL

Rank	Name	Position	School
1.	CALEB WILLIAMS	QB	USC
2.	MARVIN HARRISON JR.	WR	Ohio State
3.	QUINSHON JUDKINS	RB	Ole Miss
4.	RASHEEN ALI	RB	Marshall
5.	MALACHI CORLEY	WR	WKU
6.	ROCKET SANDERS	RB	Arkansas
7.	BLAKE CORUM	RB	Michigan
8.	AUSTIN REED	QB	WKU
9.	TORY HORTON	WR	Colorado State
10.	EMEKA EGBUKA	WR	Ohio State
11.	DRAKE MAYE	QB	North Carolina
12.	BO NIX	QB	Oregon
13.	BRAELON ALLEN	RB	Wisconsin
14.	ROME ODUNZE	WR	Washington
15.	MICHAEL PENIX JR.	QB	Washington
16.	JACOB COWING	WR	Arizona
17.	MARQUEZ COOPER	RB	Ball State
18.	SIEH BANGURA	RB	Ohio
19.	FRANK HARRIS	QB	UTSA
20.	JA'QUINDEN JACKSON	RB	Utah
21.	TREY BENSON	RB	Florida State
22.	WILL SHIPLEY	RB	Clemson
23.	FRANK GORE JR.	RB	Southern Miss
24.	DAMIEN MARTINEZ	RB	Oregon State
25.	KEVORIAN BARNES	RB	UTSA
26.	ORONDE GADSDEN II	TE	Syracuse
27.	TREVEYON HENDERSON	RB	Ohio State
28.	NICK SINGLETON	RB	Penn State
29.	CJ DONALDSON	RB	West Virginia
30.	AUDRIC ESTIME	RB	Notre Dame
31.	BROCK BOWERS	TE	Georgia
32.	TYRIN SMITH	WR	UTEP
33.	MATTHEW GOLDEN	WR	Houston
34.	SAMSON EVANS	RB	Eastern Michigan
35.	DERWIN BURGESS JR.	WR	Georgia Southern
36.	JALEN MCMILLAN	WR	Washington
37.	SQUIRREL WHITE	WR	Tennessee
38.	DEVONTEZ WALKER	WR	North Carolina
39.	JOSHUA CEPHUS	WR	UTSA
40.	RODNEY HAMMOND JR.	RB	Pittsburgh
41.	BRANT KUITHE	TE	Utah
42.	JASE MCCLELLAN	RB	Alabama
43.	JORDAN KERLEY	WR	SMU
44.	XAVIER WORTHY	WR	Texas
45.	MALIK NABERS	WR	LSU
46.	JAHMAL BANKS	WR	Wake Forest
47.	TYLER SHOUGH	QB	Texas Tech
48.	JOHN RHYS PLUMLEE	QB	UCF
49.	TROY FRANKLIN	WR	Oregon
50.	TRESHAUN WARD	RB	Kansas State
51.	RILEY LEONARD	QB	Duke
52.	JORDAN TRAVIS	QB	Florida State
53.	JOE MILTON III	QB	Tennessee
54.	MALIK HORNSBY	QB	Texas State
55.	BENJAMIN YUROSEK	TE	Stanford

ROCKET SANDERS

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Rank.	Name	Position	School
56.	JA'TAVION SANDERS	TE	Texas
57.	JALEN WHITE	RB	Georgia Southern
58.	KJ JEFFERSON	QB	Arkansas
59.	DEQUAN FINN	QB	Toledo
60.	JALIL FAROOQ	WR	Oklahoma
61.	LUTHER BURDEN III	WR	Missouri
62.	TETAIROA MCMILLAN	WR	Arizona
63.	DE'CORIAN CLARK	WR	UTSA
64.	RICHARD REESE	RB	Baylor
65.	ALEX ADAMS	WR	Akron
66.	LEQUINT ALLEN	RB	Syracuse
67.	JARQUEZ HUNTER	RB	Auburn
68.	DONOVAN EDWARDS	RB	Michigan
69.	RAY DAVIS	RB	Kentucky
70.	TERRELL VAUGHN	WR	Utah State
71.	CARSON STEELE	RB	UCLA
72.	CAMERON WARD	QB	Washington State
73.	KURTIS ROURKE	QB	Ohio
74.	JERMAINE BROWN JR.	RB	UAB
75.	CHEVAN CORDEIRO	QB	San José State
76.	MICHAEL PRATT	QB	Tulane
77.	RJ MARYLAND	TE	SMU
78.	MARSHAWN LLOYD	RB	USC
79.	JAMARI THRASH	WR	Louisville
80.	SAM WIGLUSZ	WR	Ohio
81.	JALON DANIELS	QB	Kansas
82.	JUICE WELLS	WR	South Carolina
83.	ASHTYN HAWKINS	WR	Texas State
84.	MICHAEL WILEY	RB	Arizona
85.	ANTARIO BROWN	RB	Northern Illinois
86.	BRENNAN ARMSTRONG	QB	NC State
87.	CADE KLUBNIK	QB	Clemson
88.	JAYDEN DANIELS	QB	LSU
89.	LAJOHNTAY WESTER	WR	Florida Atlantic
90.	DILLON GABRIEL	QB	Oklahoma
91.	KYLE MCCORD	QB	Ohio State

GRAYSON MCCALL

Rank	Name	Position	School
92.	PRESTON STONE	QB	SMU
93.	DONOVAN SMITH	QB	Houston
94.	LUKE MCCAFFREY	WR	Rice
95.	KHALEB HOOD	WR	Georgia Southern
96.	JOSH MCCRAY	RB	Illinois
97.	COREY DYCHES	TE	Maryland
98.	JAYLIN CONYERS	TE	Arizona State
99.	ELIJHAH BADGER	WR	Arizona State
100.	DORIAN SINGER	WR	USC
101.	AIDAN ROBBINS	RB	BYU
102.	RJ HARVEY	RB	UCF
103.	LUKE LACHEY	TE	Iowa
104.	MITCH GRIFFIS	QB	Wake Forest
105.	DT SHEFFIELD	WR	Washington State
106.	HARRISON WAYLEE	RB	Wyoming
107.	GARRETT SHRADER	QB	Syracuse
108.	CYRUS ALLEN	WR	Louisiana Tech
109.	DEVIN VOISIN	WR	South Alabama
110.	ZAKHARI FRANKLIN	WR	Portal
111.	TAYLEN GREEN	QB	Boise State
112.	BRADY HUNT	TE	Ball State
113.	TANNER KOZIOL	TE	Ball State
114.	JUSTIN LOCKHART	WR	San José State
115.		DEF	Iowa
116.	E.J. SMITH	RB	Stanford
117.		DEF	Michigan
118.	CHANDLER MORRIS	QB	TCU
119.	GRAYSON MCCALL	QB	Coastal Carolina
120.		DEF	Georgia
121.	JO'QUAVIOUS MARKS	RB	Mississippi State
122.	JAYDEN DE LAURA	QB	Arizona
123.	NATE NOEL	RB	Appalachian State
124.	JERAND BRADLEY	WR	Texas Tech
125.	XAVIER WEAVER	WR	Colorado
126.	EVAN STEWART	WR	Texas A&M
127.	JABARI SMALL	RB	Tennessee
128.	ROMAN HEMBY	RB	Maryland
129.	BUCKY IRVING	RB	Oregon
130.	MARCUS CARROLL	RB	Georgia State
131.	KIMANI VIDAL	RB	Troy
132.	GEORGE HOLANI	RB	Boise State
133.	ASHTON JEANTY	RB	Boise State
134.	DEVIN NEAL	RB	Kansas
135.	J.MICHAEL STURDIVANT	WR	UCLA
136.	JAKE BRININGSTOOL	TE	Clemson
137.	REGGIE BROWN	WR	James Madison
138.		DEF	Texas A&M
139.	JOVANTAE BARNES	RB	Oklahoma
140.	TANNER MCLACHLAN	TE	Arizona
141.	SAM PINCKNEY	WR	Coastal Carolina
142.	OLLIE GORDON	RB	Oklahoma State
143.	JOHN LEE ELDRIDGE III	RB	Air Force
144.	KALEB JOHNSON	RB	Iowa
145.	DAVIS BRIN	QB	Georgia Southern
146.	JAHEIM BELL	TE	Florida State
147.	JEREMIAH HUNTER	WR	California
148.	ALTON MCCASKILL	RB	Transfer Portal
149.	WILL SHEPPARD	WR	Vanderbilt
150.	COREY RUCKER	WR	Arkansas State
151.	DARREN GRAINGER	QB	Georgia State
152.	JAVON HARVEY	WR	Old Dominion
153.	BARION BROWN	WR	Kentucky
154.	CASEY THOMPSON	QB	Florida Atlantic
155.	SHEDEUR SANDERS	QB	Colorado
156.	TRAYVON RUDOLPH	WR	Northern Illinois
157.	JAXSON DART	QB	Ole Miss
158.		DEF	Penn State
159.		DEF	Florida State
160.	MALIK SHERROD	RB	Fresno State
161.	ISAIAH WILLIAMS	WR	Illinois
162.	SEAN TYLER	RB	Minnesota
163.		DEF	Clemson
164.	DEVIN MOCKOBEE	RB	Purdue
165.		DEF	Alabama
166.	VAR'KEYES GUMMS	TE	Arkansas
167.	JAYDN OTT	RB	California
168.	TREY SANDERS	RB	TCU

SHEDEUR SANDERS

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QUINN EWERS

Rank	Name	Position	School
169.	RYAN O'KEEFE	WR	Boston College
170.	JALON CALHOUN	WR	Duke
171.	JOHNNY WILSON	WR	Florida State
172.		DEF	Ohio State
173.		DEF	Air Force
174.	DAVID MARTIN-ROBINSON	TE	Temple
175.	MYLES PRICE	WR	Texas Tech
176.	LARRY MCCAMMON	RB	Florida Atlantic
177.	JAYLAN KNIGHTON	RB	SMU
178.	TYLAN HINES	RB	Hawai'i
179.	JOSIAH FREEMAN	WR	Fresno State
180.	MIYAN WILLIAMS	RB	Ohio State
181.	EMORY JONES	QB	Cincinnati
182.	GAVIN SAWCHUK	RB	Oklahoma
183.	SAM HARTMAN	QB	Notre Dame
184.	BEN SINNOTT	TE	Kansas State
185.	CADEN PRIESKORN	TE	Ole Miss
186.	QUINN EWERS	QB	Texas
187.	BERT EMANUEL JR.	QB	Central Michigan
188.	MONTRELL JOHNSON JR.	RB	Florida
189.	KAYTRON ALLEN	RB	Penn State
190.	CJ BAXTER	RB	Texas
191.	SETH HENIGAN	QB	Memphis
192.	COREY GAMMAGE	WR	Purdue
193.	CHIMERE DIKE	WR	Wisconsin
194.	JAHWAR JORDAN	RB	Louisville
195.	JERJUAN NEWTON	WR	Toledo
196.	JUSTUS ROSS-SIMMONS	WR	Colorado State
197.	CAM PORTER	RB	Northwestern
198.	CAM CAMPER	WR	Indiana
199.	COLSTON LOVELAND	TE	Michigan
200.	SHAADIE CLAYTON	RB	Tulane
201.	THOMAS YASSMIN	TE	Utah
202.	LORENZO LINGARD	RB	Akron
203.	TAHJ BROOKS	RB	Texas Tech
204.	CJ DIPPRE	TE	Alabama
205.	NAKIA WATSON	RB	Washington State
206.	COLBIE YOUNG	WR	Miami (Fla.)
207.	LOGAN DIGGS	RB	Transfer Portal
208.	JARED BROWN	WR	Coastal Carolina
209.	DALVIN SMITH	WR	WKU
210.	KODY EPPS	WR	BYU
211.	BYRUM BROWN	QB	USF
212.	JAYLIN NOEL	WR	Iowa State
213.	TY BUCHNER	QB	Alabama
214.	MASON FAIRCHILD	TE	Kansas
215.	CAMERON RISING	QB	Utah
216.	MASON TAYLOR	TE	LSU
217.	BEAUX COLLINS	WR	Clemson
218.	ANTONIO WILLIAMS	WR	Clemson
219.	CHANDLER ROGERS	QB	North Texas
220.	DJ IRONS	QB	Akron
221.	MILES MARSHALL	WR	Miami (Ohio)
222.	HUDSON CARD	QB	Purdue
223.	KONATA MUMPFIELD	WR	Pittsburgh
224.	SEAN DOLLARS	RB	Nevada
225.	CARTER BRADLEY	QB	South Alabama
226.	J.J. MCCARTHY	QB	Michigan
227.	JA'VARRIUS JOHNSON	WR	Auburn
228.	JOHN PAUL RICHARDSON	WR	TCU
229.	DILLON JOHNSON	RB	Washington
230.	TANNER MORDECAI	QB	Wisconsin
231.	DJ ENGLAND-CHISOLM	WR	Middle Tennessee
232.	BRYSON NESBIT	TE	North Carolina
233.	TAULIA TAGOVAILOA	QB	Maryland
234.		DEF	Wisconsin
235.		DEF	Kentucky
236.	QUINTON COOLEY	RB	Liberty
237.	JALEN WALTHALL	WR	Hawai'i
238.	HAROLD FANNIN	TE	Bowling Green
239.	BRADLEY ROZNER	WR	Rice
240.	JEFF SIMS	QB	Nebraska
241.	KAELON BLACK	RB	James Madison
242.	WILL HOWARD	QB	Kansas State
243.	GAVIN BARTHOLOMEW	TE	Pittsburgh
244.	ROBERT LEWIS	WR	Georgia State
245.	EDWARD SAYDEE	RB	Temple
246.	BLAKE WATSON	RB	Memphis
247.	MARLON GUNN JR.	RB	East Carolina
248.	DREW ALLAR	QB	Penn State
249.	ODIEU HILIARE	WR	Bowling Green
250.	MARQUIS CROSBY	RB	Louisiana Tech

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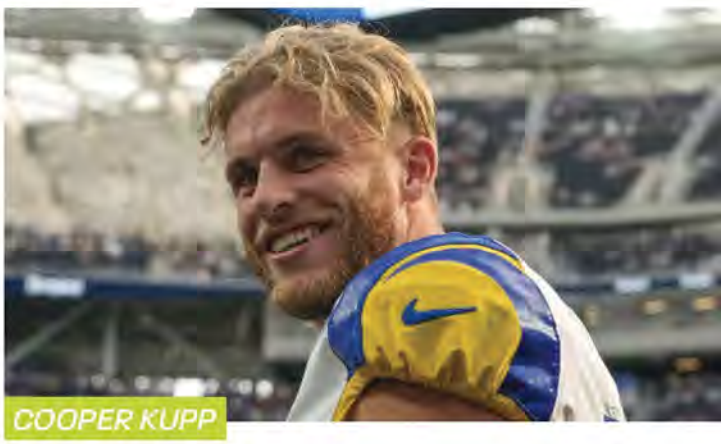

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1. Hurts So Good
2. Daniel Jones' Locker
3. Aaron the Side of Caution
4. Super Kamario
5. Run CMC
6. Lamar You Serious?
7. Not Joshin' Around
8. My Kupp Runneth Over
9. That's Amari!
10. Can You Smell What Dalvin's Cooking?
11. Silence of the Lamb
12. Burrowed Alive
13. Justin Time
14. Working From Mahomes
15. Baby Got Dak
16. Tua Much, Tua Little, Tua Late
17. Najee By Nature
18. The Moore the Merrier
19. Say Hello to my Kittle Friend
20. One for the Mooney
21. Friends and Etiennemies
22. Josh Jacobs Ladder
23. Ain't No Waller-Back Girl
24. Garretteed Satisfaction
25. WaddleVision
26. Pitts & Giggles
27. Call of Jeudy
28. How I Kmet Your Mother
29. Easy Breecy Lemon Squeazy
30. Olave Garden
31. Drake London Calling
32. McLaurin F1
33. Got My JuJu Back
34. Rubba Chubb Chubb
35. The Bryce is Right
36. Let Bijans be Bijans
37. Jamhyr I Go Again
38. Addison Wonderland
39. Slim Pickens
40. Jahan Solo
41. Lawrence & Order
42. Sacks in the City
43. White Pickett Fence
44. Ridder Me This
45. O Saquon You See
46. Lamarvel Cinematic Universe
47. Tuafinity and Beyond
48. AB CeeDee
49. Dak to the Future
50. Me and My Mahomies

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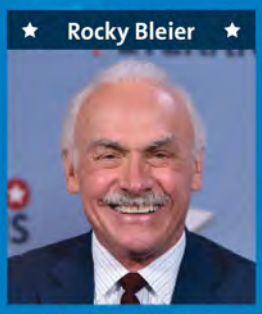
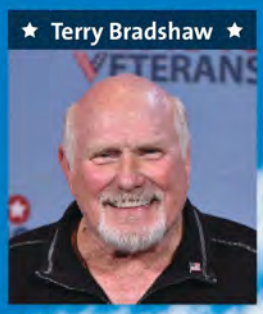


★ Rocky Bleier ★

U.S. Army Veteran,
4-time Champion,
Pittsburgh

U.S.ARMY



★ Terry Bradshaw ★

TV Host & Hall of Famer,
4-time Champion,
Pittsburgh

★ Greg Gadson ★

U.S. Army Veteran,
Honorary Captain,
2-time Champion with New York

U.S.ARMY

★ Alejandro Villanueva ★

U.S. Army Veteran,
2-time Pro Bowler,
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2-time Champion,
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